





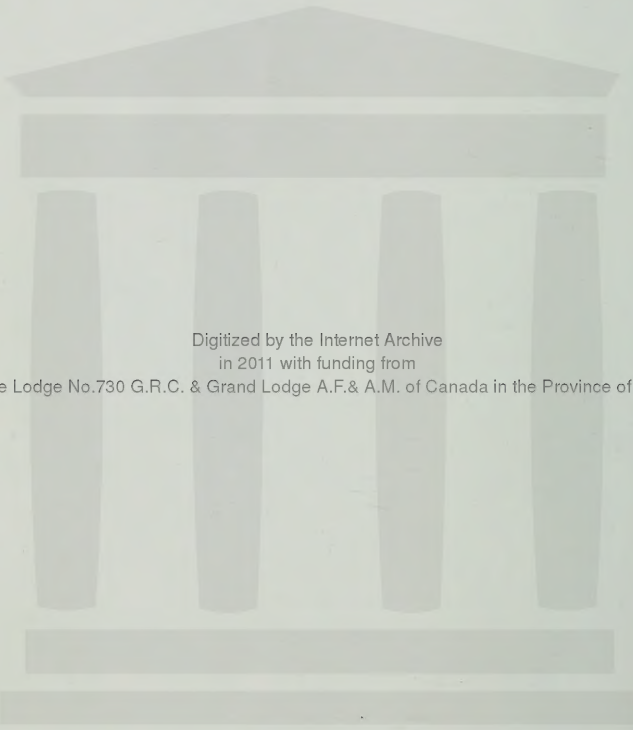
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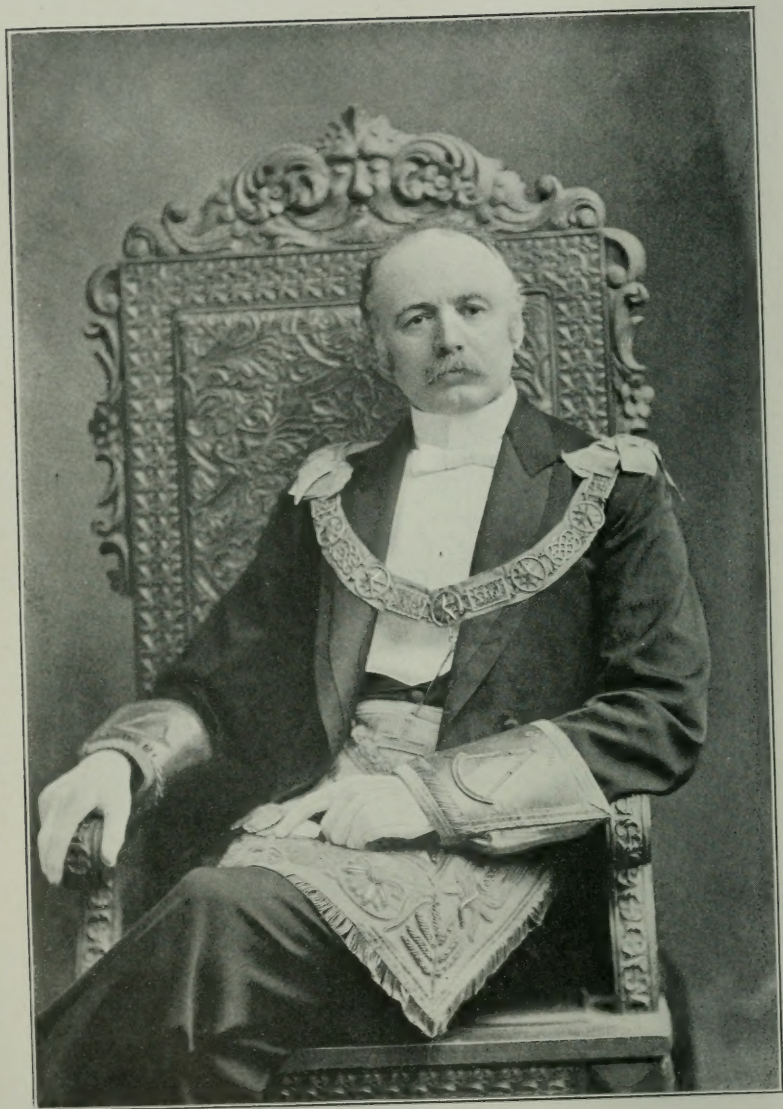


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GRAND MASTER 1894-1895.



M. W. BRO. THE HON. WM GIBSON,
GRAND MASTER 1896-1897.



M. W. BRO. E. T. MALONE, K. C.,
GRAND MASTER 1898-1899.



M. W. BRO. R. B. HUNGERFORD,

GRAND MASTER 1900-1901.

DIED 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1901.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge

—OF—

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

—AT—

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

—HELD AT—

*Cobourg, on the 18th October, A.L. 5901, and
at Toronto, on the 21st June, 5902.*

ALSO AT THE

Forty-Seventh Annual Communication

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—ON THE—

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Cobourg, on Friday, the Eighteenth day of October, A. D. 1901, A. L. 5901.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, K. C.....	Acting Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. C. H. Tumelty.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John Watson	D. D. G. M., Toronto, East District.
R. W. Bro. P. J. Lightbourne.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. H. F. Hollands.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. J. B. Saunders.....	as Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. R. J. Craig	as Grand Registrar.
M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason	Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. J. W. Bickell	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. G. Spence	as Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. R. Buck	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. A. J. Hewson.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. Sheriff Proctor.....	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. H. G. Brown	as Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. S. S. Brintnell	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. F. Metcalf.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. W. W. Hovey	as Asst. Grand Organist.
Bro. C. A. Munson	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. Wm. Smith,	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. D. Ewing,	
W. Bro. J. T. Mulholland,	
W. Bro. E. E. Ingell,	
W. Bro. F. D. Diamond,	
W. Bro. E. D. O'Flynn,	} as Grand Tyler.
Bro. N. McCarthy,	

Together with Masters, Past Masters, and brethren hailing from various Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 2.30 o'clock afternoon, by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, K.C., Past Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Col-

legiate Institute, and that he had been requested to perform the ceremony by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C., Acting Grand Master, who was detained at home through illness.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the Sons of England Band, marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building.

After an address to the Acting Grand Master by W. Bro. A. J. Hewson, Chairman of the Collegiate Institute Board, and the Acting Grand Master's reply thereto, and the presentation to him by the Trustees of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of laying the foundation stone was performed.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe.

On the Eighteenth Day of October, A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and One, and of the Masonic Era, A. L. Five Thousand Nine Hundred and One, and the first Year of our Most Gracious Sovereign,

King Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and the Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

His Excellency the Right Honorable the EARL OF MINTO, G.C.M.G., Governor-General of Canada.

The Honorable SIR OLIVER MOWAT, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, Premier of Canada.

The Honorable GEORGE W. ROSS, Premier of Ontario.

The Honorable HICHARD HARCOURT, Minister of Education.

WILLIAM RICKARD, Esq., Warden of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham.

EDWIN C. S. HUYCKE, Esq., Mayor of the Town of Cobourg.

R. W. BRO. J. E. HARDING, K.C., Acting Grand Master.

R. W. BRO. C. H. TUMULTY, D.D.G.M. of 13th Prince Edward District.

Collegiate Institute Board—Andrew Hewson, Esq., Chairman; William Black, Esq., Treasurer; A. J. Armstrong, Esq.; Richard Cullis, Esq.; J. A. Ivey, M.D.; John G. Orr, Esq.; E. C. McNicholl, M.D.; Major Neil F. MacNachtan; George W. Mitchell, Esq., Principal and Secretary.

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This Corner Stone

OF THE COBOURG COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Was laid by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, K.C., P.G.M., assisted by the Grand Officers, and in presence of a large concourse of brethren, with the usual ceremonies and usages of the Order, which may the G.A.O.T.U. ever protect and prosper.

The Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing certain newspapers, records and coins.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone and corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The Acting Grand Master then gave a short address, and the procession was reformed, the brethren returning to the Masonic Hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ATTEST:



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Toronto, on
Saturday, 21st June, A. D. 1902, A. L. 5902.*

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro.	J. E. Harding, K. C.....	Acting Grand Master.
M. W. Bro.	J. K. Kerr, K. C.....	Past Grand Master.
" "	E. T. Malone, K. C.....	Past Grand Master.
" "	W. A. Sutherland.....	Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro.	J. W. St. John.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
" "	John Watson.....	D.D.G.M. Toronto East District.
" "	Thomas Clappison.....	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	C. W. Postlethwaite.....	as Grand Junior Warden
" "	Rev. H. S. Matthews.....	as Grand Chaplain.
M. "	Hugh Murray.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. "	Alex. Patters n.....	as Grand Registrar.
" "	William Roaf.....	as Grand Secretary.
V. "	E. F. Clarke.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	Harry A. Taylor.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
R. "	William Simpson.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
" "	F. F. Manley.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. "	D. A. Rose.....	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
" "	Alex. Gillies.....	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
" "	John A. Cowan.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	C. P. Sparling.....	as Grand Organist.
" "	W. L. Nutting.....	Asst. Grand Organist.
" "	Wm. Walker.....	as Grand Standard Bearer.
" "	John Muir.....	as Grand Pursuivaat.
W. Bro.	W. F. Chapman.....	} as Grand Stewards.
" "	M. J. Cockburn.....	
" "	Thomas McQueen.....	
" "	John Stephens.....	
" "	A. Y. Scott.....	
" "	Frank Saunders.....	
" "	Robert Ross.....	
" "	E. Grant.....	
" "	E. C. Davies.....	
" "	Raymond Walker.....	
" "	A. G. Horwood.....	
" "	R. C. Griffith.....	
" "	John Patterson.....	
" "	J. J. Thompson.....	
" "	Wm. McCartney.....	
	Bro. John Pritchard.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, and brethren hailing from various Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 2 o'clock afternoon, in the Temple building, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C., Acting Grand Master, who announced that the Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Burns Monument about to be erected in the Allan Gardens, Toronto.

The brethren having received the necessary instructions as to usual mode of procedure, the Grand Lodge was called off and a procession formed under the direction of R. W. Bro. F. F. Manley, acting Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the band of the 48th Highlanders marched to the site of the monument, in the prescribed form, taking their positions as laid down in the book of ceremonies.

W. Bro. David Walker, Chairman of the Burns Memorial Committee, presented the Acting Grand Master with a silver trowel, suitably engraved, and the following

ADDRESS

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother—

It affords myself and fellow-members of the Burns' Memorial Executive Committee extreme pleasure to meet you and other officers of the Grand Lodge, also this large assembly of "Brethren of the Mystic Tie," members of subordinate lodges.

Right Worshipful Sir, I have been deputed to present to you this trowel, for your use in laying the corner-stone of this monument, which is erected to the memory of the poet, Robert Burns, who, at the age of 28 years, was inaugurated by the lodge Cannongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh, in 1787, poet laureate of the mother Grand Lodge.

This ceremony is a most appropriate one for this Grand Lodge to perform. It is the first monument erected to the poet in Canada, and I trust it won't be the last. I may repeat what I said at a former function, that the genius of Burns extended to all classes, rich and poor, to all nationalities, and will extend to future generations.

I thank you, as President of the Monument Committee, and trust that your visit will be both profitable and enjoyable.

(Signed)

DAVID WALKER.

The Acting Grand Master replied as follows: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Robert Burns' Memorial Executive Committee, I accept this beautiful implement of operative Masonry with peculiar pleasure, and will ever preserve it as a memorial of this auspicious occasion. At your request I have caused to be convened a special meeting of the

Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, to assist me in the interesting ceremony of laying the corner stone of the monument to be erected in memory of our illustrious brother, Robert Burns, the poet laureate of the Masons of Scotland and poet of humanity, in accordance with the rites of our ancient fraternity. Although our deceased brother has erected for himself a monument more enduring than brass or marble, still it is eminently fitting that his fellow-countrymen and their descendants should unite in doing honor to one who has conferred undying honor upon their country. And I unite heartily in your wish that this may not be the last monument erected in memory of Scotland's poet in this fair Canada of ours. May the Great Architect of the universe pour down his richest blessings upon our King and country. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

The following ode was then sung by the Masonic choir:

Genius of Masonry! descend,
 And with Thee bring Thy spotless train;
 Do at our sacred rites attend,
 Whilst we adore Thy peaceful reign.
 Bring with Thee Virtue! brightest maid:
 Bring Love, bring Truth, bring Friendship here;
 Whilst social Mirth shall lend her aid,
 To soothe the wrinkled brow of Care.
 Bring Charity; with goodness crowned,
 Encircled in thy heavenly robe,
 Diffuse thy blessings all around,
 To every corner of the globe.
 To Heaven's High Architect all praise,
 All praise, all gratitude be given,
 Who deigned the human soul to raise
 By mystic secrets, sprung from heaven.

Prayer having been offered up by the Acting Grand Chaplain, the Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their respective offices to the stone and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The Acting Grand Master having spoken briefly, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray delivered the following

ADDRESS.

The fraternity of free and accepted Masons, the most ancient and most honorable society in the world, has, through its Grand Master, laid the foundation stone of a monument to the memory of Scotland's greatest bard, Robert Burns, a man whose name it has been said, "is, more than any other, that of Scotland condensed, the representative of what is noblest and also of much that is erring in her race."

As a Scotchman, I feel honored in being permitted to take part in this ceremony, and in being privileged to express my admiration for one who, by his personality, his genius and his patriotism, was a remarkable man in the times in which he lived, one who would have been remarkable in any age and in any land. Heretofore, those who sought to lead the thought and mould the opinion of the people, were mainly men of rank or wealth or of the highest education; but in the advent of Burns there sprang into prominence, in the world of letters, a man of mighty genius; a man, who, without any of these advantages, with the help only of a very meagre education and the use of a very small library, under the training of devoutly pious parents, earned for himself a world-wide reputation, and enshrined himself in the affections of his countrymen; a man whose reputation is so great at the present time, that in every land his admirers are erecting, as you here in Toronto are doing, monuments to his memory.

In estimating the value of the services that this man rendered to his countrymen and to mankind all the world over, we are not called upon to magnify his excellencies, or shut our eyes to his weaknesses and errors.

Let us take him as he was, a Scottish peasant, who at the age of sixteen was a laborer, the chief burden-bearer on his father's farm—an overworked, underfed, nervous youth, liable to headaches and seasons of depression—who was so dissatisfied with his condition that he wrote of it, "it is the cheerless gloom of a hermit and the unceasing toil of a galley slave," or let us take him as he was in later life, a man of noble aspirations and high ambitions, groping for light, crying for sympathy, ground down by poverty, seeking unfortunately for exhilaration in the flowing bowl, and for applause among boon companions. Yet withal a kindly, loving, trusty, noble-minded man, who, as in a mirror reflected in song the customs of his time, and photographed in verse the hypocritical pretender, as well as the honest and godly saint.

Let us then cast over his failings and his foibles the mantle of charity, and here and now, render to his memory the homage which his genius commands.

From his hundreds of poems and songs, each must select, according to his fancy, his favorites. I will mention only a few that are mine. Take his description of his father's home, as given in the "Cotter's Saturday Night."

"The cheerful supper done, wi' serious face,
They, round the ingle, form a circle wide;
The sire turns o'er, with patriarchal grace,
The big ha' bible, ance his father's pride;
His bonnet rev'rently is laid aside,
His lyart haffits wearing thin and bare;
Those strains that once did sweet in Zion glide,
He wales a portion with judicious care;
And "Let us worship God!" he says, with solemn air."

What could better describe his kind heart and his love of nature than the words he composed when in his plowing, his

eye caught sight of a daisy, which he saw his plow would bury in the earth.

"Wee, modest crimson tipped flower,
Thou's met me in an evil hour;
For I maun crush among the stoure
Thy slender stem;
To spare thee now is past my power,
My bonnie gem."

What exposure of sham and hypocrisy is more complete than his sample of "Holy Willie's Prayer."

"I bless and praise Thy matchless might,
When thousands Thou has left in night,
That I am here afore Thy sight,
For gifts and grace,
A burning and a shining light
To a' this place."

What more honest than his confession of shortcomings and weaknesses in the following epitaph:

"Is there a man whose judgment clear
Can others teach the course to steer,
Yet runs himself life's mad career,
Wild as the wave;
Here pause—and thro' the starting tear,
Survey this grave."

"The poor inhabitant below,
Was quick to learn, and wise to know,
And keenly felt the friendly glow
And softer flame;
But thoughtless follies laid him low,
And stained his name."

A writer on Burns has said "that his song is always the direct emphatic utterance of his honest self, moved from the back-bone to the finger tips with the quick pulse of an alert and genial vitality. There is nothing got up here, nothing for show. It may flow out, hot as a boiling geyser, or mild as summer dew, but it is always spontaneous. In whatever style, tenderly pathetic or wildly humorous, the poet is always the man."

My last quotation is from that matchless poem, "For a' That, and a' That."

"Is there, for honest poverty,
That hang's his head, and a' that,
The coward slave, we pass him by,
We dare be poor for a' that.
For a' that, and a' that,
Our toils obscure, and a' that;
The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the goud, for a' that."

The influence of Burns upon his own time was great; upon our times it is greater. It grows with the growing years, and widens with the widening of human intercourse. It is an influence for good, because it makes man manlier and the world better. It teaches the poor and the humble to aspire, to hope, to be self-reliant and self-respecting. It will grow in the future, because it speaks directly to the heart of man. It is an influence which will live, because it deserves to live.

"Time but the impression stronger makes,
As streams their channels deeper wear."

M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, and Hon. P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, delivered the closing address.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren returned to the Temple Building, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

*At the Forty-Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge
of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,
held in the City of Windsor, commencing on Wednesday, the
16th day of July, A. D. 1902, A. L. 5902.*

PRESENT:

THE ACTING GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., on the Throne.

THE ACTING DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C.

R. W. Bro.	Thomas Clappison	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	A. E. Dymont	Grand Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. R. Von Pirch	Grand Chaplain.
M. "	Hugh Murray	Grand Treasurer.
" "	Hugh Murrayas	Grand Secretary.
V. "	F. J. Winlow	Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	H. A. Taylor	Grand Junior Deacon.
" "	Edwin Paull	Grand Supt. of Works.
" "	H. Hyndman, jras	Grand Dir. of Cer.
" "	A. McGachie	Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
" "	W. W. Greenhill	Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	George Gottas	Grand Organist.
" "	M. L. Nutting	Asst. Grand Organist.
" "	S. Beaumontas	Grand Pursuivant.
" "	H. Mulholland	
" "	S. G. Story	} Grand Stewards.
" "	T. J. Wilbee	
" "	S. B. Todd	
" "	J. K. Brydonas	
" "	J. W. Marshallas	
" "	F. Princeas	
" "	J. W. Hicksonas	
V. "	J. D. Dewaras	
" "	J. G. Gillespieas	
" "	John Parcellas	Grand Standard Bearer.
	Bro. James Dwyer	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	Edward Worth	Erie	District No.	1
"	Alex. Saunders	St. Clair	"	2
"	Fred Guest	London	"	3
"	George T. McKay	South Huron	"	4
"	Henry Clark	North Huron	"	5
"	W. A. Karn	Wilson	"	6
"	Robert Irvine	Wellington	"	7
"	A. M. Cunningham	Hamilton	"	8
"	Richard Raikes	Georgian	"	9
"	R. G. W. Conolly	Niagara	"	10
"	J. W. St. John	Toronto West	"	11
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FROM GRAND LODGE OE

R. W. Bro.	D. D. Campbell	New South Wales
"	L. Secord	New Zealand.
"	J. H. Burritt	South Australia.
"	W. J. Mooney	Western Australia.
"	A. T. Freed	Alabama.
"	J. C. Hegler	Arkansas.
M.	A. A. Stevenson	Connecticut.
R.	D. F. Macwatt	Louisiana.
"	C. W. Postlethwaite	Maine.
"	Wm. Roaf	Nebraska.
"	Wm. Rea	New Mexico.
M.	Hugh Murray	New York.
R.	J. S. Dewar	North Dakota.
"	D. B. Burch	Ohio.
"	Thomas C. Macnabb	South Carolina.
M.	E. T. Malone	South Dakota.
R.	D. H. Martyn	Vermont.
"	W. C. Wilkinson	Washington.
"	J. E. Harding	West Virginia.
M.	A. A. Stevenson	Brazil.
"	R. T. Walkem	Peru.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.—A. A. Stevenson, Hugh Murray, R. T. Walkem, E. T. Malone.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—S. S. Lazier, Thomas Ridout, Aubrey White, William Roaf, George J. Bennett, R. L. Gunn, D. B. Simpson, E. Allworth, B. Paine, A. T. Freed, Wm. Birrell, G. S. May, Wm. Roaf, Geo. Masson, W. J. Ward, D. E. Broderick, J. B. Nixon, J. C. Hegler, F. C.

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PAST GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.—C. W. Postlethwaite, J. E. Davignon, L. Secord, A. G. McWhinney, Benjamin Allen, Allan McLean.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.—J. S. Dewar.

PAST GRAND CHAPLAINS.—Rev. George Chrystal, Rev. J. W. Hodgins, Rev. J. C. Farthing.

PAST GRAND REGISTRARS.—W. C. Wilkinson, T. M. Davis, N. L. Steiner, Alex. Patterson.

PAST GRAND SENIOR DEACON.—E. T. Essery.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR DEACONS.—Thomas Burnie, C. A. Kingston.

PAST GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.—H. Hyndman, Jr.

PAST GRAND ORGANISTS.—N. T. Lyon, George Gott, A. W. Carkeek.

PAST GRAND STEWARDS.—M. McD. Fleming, J. H. Dickinson, W. H. Sparling, J. D. Dewar, J. G. Gillespie, N. Shafley, Wm. McGowan, E. J. Voss, A. J. Young, James Dundas, S. Beaumont, James Stewart, F. Holwell.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.—R. Cutbert, John Parcell.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, His Worship Mayor Smyth and members of the City Council were announced, introduced and read the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME:

Windsor, July 16th, A.D. 1902. .

To J. E. Harding, Esq., K. C., Acting Grand Master, and Members of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Sirs:

The Municipal Council of the City of Windsor deem themselves and the community they represent highly honored in being accorded a second opportunity to welcome to this city the distinguished body of gentlemen who constitute the governing power of the large and influential Masonic society of Canada, in Ontario; and our welcome is therefore more than usually hearty and sincere. We trust that you will have an interesting, pleasant, and in every sense a successful convention, and that amidst your arduous labors you may

find time to make yourselves familiar with the many beautiful places of healthful resort within easy reach of your convention hall.

It is regarded as an exemplification of your appreciation of the exceptional natural advantages of this city, that after the experience gained by one official visit, you should again, as most of you have done, come so far from home to hold your annual communication, and our hope and expectation is that the future will see you here yet more frequently.

You will, we hope, pardon the digression if your attention be directed to the fact that at the date of your first meeting here, 1886, the population numbered 7,336, and that now it is 13,000; while during that interval the permanent public improvements made have largely exceeded the city's numerical growth, showing that notwithstanding our remoteness from the heart of the country, and the great commercial centres, we are progressing in no ordinary degree.

Permit us again to welcome you to Windsor, and to assure you that the municipal authorities will ever be ready to do its part to make your return here as a body in every respect agreeable.

(Signed)

J. F. SMYTH,
Mayor.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master, having made a suitable response, and a constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 3.30 o'clock p.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

A deputation of Masters and Past Masters from the Windsor Lodges was announced, introduced and presented to the Acting Grand Master and the Grand Lodge the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME:

To the Right Worshipful Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Worshipful Masters, Officers and Members of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, and Windsor Lodge, No. 403, in the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada extend to you a cordial and fraternal welcome to the City of Windsor at this, your 47th Annual Communication.

We sincerely hope that this communication will be no less important to Grand Lodge, and to the interests of all Masons within its jurisdiction, than any held since its incorporation. When Grand Lodge held its communication here in 1886 this city was a town with a population of about 7,000. To-day we are proud of being a city with 13,000 inhabitants, among

whom 400 belong to our time-honored fraternity, and many of the most important positions of trust within the gift of the people are occupied by those who are members of our Order.

In 1886 Great Western Lodge had a membership of 95, Windsor Lodge numbered 44. To-day there is registered a membership of 255 in Great Western Lodge and 156 in Windsor Lodge, and both are working side by side with that harmony that is characteristic of every true and faithful Mason.

The strong mantle of a Mason's charity has been felt in this local jurisdiction by the acts of benevolence of Grand Lodge, and we can assure you, that, not only the members of the Craft give you a hearty welcome, but the whole city rejoices in your presence.

While extending to you, Right Worshipful Sir, the officers and members of Grand Lodge this fraternal welcome, we cannot refrain from expressing how deeply the members of the fraternity here deplore the death of our Most Worshipful Brother R. B. Hungerford since last communication of Grand Lodge. Not only his true Masonic life, but his personality made a lasting impression on the brethren of this city.

May your deliberations here be attended with pleasure and benefit.

On behalf of all members of the Order in Windsor.

(Signed)

B. PAINE,
Chairman Committee.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF REGRET.

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication were read from M. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, Henry Robertson, J. Ross Robertson, Hon. J. M. Gibson, W. R. White, Kivas Tully and Hon. Wm. Gibson.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Acting Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Acting Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Forty-sixth Annual Communication, held in the City of Hamilton, on the 17th and 18th days of July, A.D. 1901, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to subordinate lodges the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed.

and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

M. W. Bro. Neal McMillan, Grand Master; R. W. Bros. G. W. C. Maybury, acting Deputy Grand Master; Fletcher E. Turrell, Grand Senior Warden; John W. McGrath, acting Grand Junior Warden; C. F. Beck, acting Grand Secretary; M. C. Green, acting Grand Junior Deacon, and Jas. F. McGregor, acting Grand Junior Deacon, of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Michigan, and R. W. Bro. John W. Landrum, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Kentucky, were announced, introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors.

Before the Address of Welcome the ode, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and before the replies to the address, the ode, "The Star Spangled Banner," were sung by the members of Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros. William Roaf and W. H. McFadden, and W. Bros. R. H. Revell, J. S. Edgar and D. Bedford, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present:

No. 3. The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.

W. Bro. W. J. Renton, W. M.; Bro. W. T. Connell, S.W.; M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem and W. Bro. J. Morgan Shaw, P.M's.

No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.

W. Bros. A. H. Gilham, W.M.; W. H. Kyle and G. K. Dewey, P. M's.

No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.

Bro. F. Johnson, S.W.; R. W. Bros. T. Clappison and A. T. Freed, W. Bros. W. E. Henderson, R. B. Griffith, J. G. Gauld and S. G. Moore, P.M's.

No. 7. Union, Grimsby.

W. Bros. C. W. Harrison, W. M.; W. J. Drope, P. M.

No. 9. Union, Napanee.

W. Bro. G. F. Ruttan, W. M.; Bro. Wm. Rankin, S. W.

No 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.

W. Bro. R. E. Gunton, W.M.

No. 11. Moira, Belleville.

R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, W.M.; W. Bro. W. Latimer, P.M.

- No. 14. True Britons, Perth.*
W. Bro. W. H. Harrison, Proxy.
- No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.*
W. Bro. A. McLaren, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 16. St. Andrew's, Toronto.*
R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, P.M., Proxy, and Thos. Ridout, P.M.
- No. 17. St. John's, Cobourg.*
W. Bros. F. E. O'Flynn, P.M., Proxy; Wm. Rankin, P.M.
- No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton.*
W. Bro. J. W. Wright, W.M.; V. W. Bro. H. Mulholland, P.M.
- No. 20. St. John's, London.*
W. Bros. J. A. Tancock, W.M.; R. A. Bayley and O. Ellwood, P.M's.
- No. 21a. St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
W. Bro. W. P. McAlpin, W.M.
- No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.*
W. Bro. R. Home, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, V. W. Bro. N. T. Lyon and W. Bro. W. W. Vickers, P.M's.
- No. 23. Richmond, Richmond Hill.*
W. Bros. G. B. Newbery, W.M.; H. A. Nichols and T. Newton, P.M's.
- No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
W. Bro. G. T. Martin, W.M.
- No. 25. Ionic, Toronto.*
W. Bro. S. T. Bastedo, W.M.; R. W. Bros. Wm. Roaf, Geo. J. Bennett and C. W. Postlethwaite, W. Bros. W. G. Eakins, E. B. Brown, H. H. Williams and S. B. Dykes, P.M's.
- No. 27. Strict Observance, Hamilton.*
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, P.M.; Proxy; R. W. Bro. T. M. Dav's and W. Bro. W. C. Breckenridge, P.M's.
- No. 28. Mount Zion, Kemptville.*
W. Bro. W. H. Kyle, Proxy.
- No. 29. United, Brighton.*
W. Bro. G. E. Newman, W.M.
- No. 30. Composite, Whitby.*
W. Bro. Fred. Hatch, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 31. Jerusalem, Bowmanville.*
R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 32. Amity, Dunnville.*
R. W. Bro. R. G. W. Conolly, P.M., Proxy; W. Bro. A. S. Thornton, P.M.
- No. 33. Maitland, Goderich.*
W. Bros. W. D. Tye, W.M.; C. A. Humber, P.M.

- No. 34. Thistle, Amherstburg.*
W. Bro. J. G. Huston, W.M.; Bro. S. J. Johnson, S.W.;
V. W. Bro. Geo. Gott, W. Bros. Geo. Green, Thomas
Hobley, D. B. Callender, W. T. Wilkinson, J. A. Patten
and G. T. Florey, P.M's.
- No. 35. St. John's, Cayuga.*
W. Bros. P. J. Vollick, P.M., Proxy; L. L. Barber, P.M.
- No. 37. King Hiram, Ingersoll.*
W. Bro. J. P. Boles, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 38. Trent, Trenton.*
W. Bro. E. E. Ingall, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 40. St. John's, Hamilton.*
Bro. L. Johnston, S.W.; R. W. Bro. Wm. Birrell and
W. Bro. P. A. Somerville, P.M's.
- No. 41. St. George's, Kingsville.*
W. Bro. W. J. Gilkinson, W.M.; R. W. Bro. E. Allworth.
W. Bros. G. F. Sherwood, S. L. McKay and S. T. Copus.
P.M's.
- No. 42. St. George's, London.*
W. Bros. C. H. Ward, W.M.; Wm. Hayman, P.M.
- No. 43. King Solomon's, Woodstock.*
W. Bro. Jas. McMahon, W.M.; Bro. Wm. Hodges, S.W.;
V. W. Bro. A. McGachie and W. Bro. F. Minns, P.M's.
- No. 44. St. Thomas, St. Thomas.*
W. Bros. E. H. Caughell, W.M.; R. McCully, P.M.
- No. 45. Brant, Brantford.*
W. Bro. F. Hanna, W.M.
- No. 46. Wellington, Chatham.*
Bro. F. D. Laurie, S.W.; W. Bro. J. R. Battisby, P.M.
- No. 47. Great Western, Windsor.*
W. Bro. H. Siebert, W.M.; Bros. D. Liddell, S.W.; J. H.
Carson, J.W.; R. W. Bros. B. Paine and J. E. Davignon,
V. W. Bro. Thos. Burnie, W. Bros. Samuel Buchanan,
G. B. Quamby, G. E. White, Joseph Hall, Wm. Reid,
Andrew Little, D. L. Carley, G. K. Prowse, Charles
Wright, Thos. Peters, James Gibson and J. M. Lord,
P.M's.
- No. 48. Madoc, Madoc.*
W. Bro. W. E. Connor, W.M.; R. W. Bro. C. H. Tumel-
ty, P. M.
- No. 52. Dalhousie, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. S. C. Thompson, W. M.; R. W. Bro. G. S. May,
P. M.
- No. 54. Vaughan, Maple.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, Proxy.
- No. 55. Merrickville, Merrickville.*
W. Bro. W. H. Harrison, Proxy.

- No. 56. Victoria, Sarnia.*
 W. Bro. Peter Clark, W.M.; Bro. G. S. Mitten, S.W.;
 R. W. Bros. George Masson, W. J. Ward and A. Weir,
 W. Bros. Wm. Oldham, Robt. Kerr, Sutherland Johnston,
 W. F. B. Colter, R. McKenzie, P. T. McGibbon and
 W. H. Hall, P.M's.
- No. 57. Harmony, Binbrook.*
 R. W. Bro. Rev. George Chrystal, P.M.
- No. 58. Doric, Ottawa.*
 W. Bro. S. A. Luke, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 61. Acacia, Hamilton.*
 W. Bro. F. H. Yapp, W.M.; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray,
 V. W. Bro. W. W. Greenhill and W. Bro. R. V. Matthews,
 P.M's.
- No. 62. St Andrew's, Caledonia.*
 W. Bro. T. E. Creswell, W.M.; R. W. Bro. D. E. Broderick
 and W. Bro. A. J. Nelles, P.M's.
- No. 63. St. John's, Carleton Place.*
 W. Bro. T. C. Hudson, W.M.
- No. 64. Kikwinning, London.*
 W. Bros. C. T. New, W.M.; J. W. Butler, P.M.
- No. 65. Rehoboam, Toronto.*
 W. Bro. Wm. Crichton, W.M.; Bro. G. H. Mitchell, S.
 W.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, V. W. Bro. A. W. Carkeek
 and W. Bro. E. H. Briggs, P.M's.
- No. 68. St. John's, Ingersoll.*
 W. Bro. Donald Munro, W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler,
 P.M.
- No. 69. Stirling, Stirling.*
 W. Bro. J. E. Helliwell, W.M.
- No. 72. Alma, Galt.*
 W. Bro. D. Collins, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 73. St. James, St. Marys.*
 W. Bro. H. A. L. White, W.M.
- No. 74. St. James, Maitland.*
 W. Bro. C. H. Fitzsimmons, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 75. St. John's, Toronto.*
 W. Bro. J. H. McKinnon, W.M.; R. W. Bro. N. L. Steiner,
 W. Bros. H. S. King, Spencer Love, J. Ewan and
 C. A. Matthews, P.M's.
- No. 76. Oxford, Woodstock.*
 W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, W.M.; R. W. Bros. F. C. Martin,
 Rev. J. C. Farthing and W. A. Karn, P.M's.
- No. 77. Faithful Brethren, Lindsay.*
 R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, P.M., Proxy; W. Bro. J. W.
 Wallace, P.M.

- No. 78. *King Hiram, Tilsonburg.*
W. Bro. Joseph Aspinwall, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Wm. McDonald, P.M.
- No. 79. *Simcoe, Bradford.*
R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Proxy.
- No. 81. *St. John's, Mount Brydges.*
W. Bro. C. W. Dingman, W.M.
- No. 82. *St. John's, Paris.*
Bros. Robert Bain, S.W.; W. Whitehead, J.W.
- No. 83. *Beaver, Strathroy.*
W. Bro. F. W. Tanner, W.M.
- No. 85. *Rising Sun, Athens.*
W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey, Proxy.
- No. 86. *Wilson, Toronto.*
W. Bro. J. W. Siddall, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Alex. Patterson and W. Bro. George McLeish, P.M's.
- No. 87. *Markham Union, Markham.*
W. Bro. J. B. Gould, W.M.
- No. 88. *St. George's, Owen Sound.*
W. Bro. J. Wycliffe Marshall, W.M.; R. W. Bro. R. McKnight, P.M.
- No. 90. *Manito, Collingwood.*
W. Bro. A. D. Knight, W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner, P.M.
- No. 91. *Colborne, Colborne.*
W. Bro. H. J. Mayhew, W.M.
- No. 92. *Cataraqui, Kingston.*
W. Bro. Wm. Jackson, W.M.; R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, P.M.
- No. 93. *Northern Light, Kincardine.*
R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, P.M.
- No. 94. *St. Mark's, Port Stanley.*
R. W. Bro. F. Guest, Proxy.
- No. 96. *Corinthian, Barrie.*
W. Bro. J. C. Smith, W.M.; Bro. A. P. Wilkes, S.W.; R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, W. Bros. F. M. Montgomery, Alex. Cowan and J. Rogerson, P.M's.
- No. 97. *Sharon, Sharon.*
W. Bro. T. Wallis, W.M.; W. Bro. J. T. Power, P.M.
- No. 99. *Tuscan, Newmarket.*
W. Bro. P. J. Anderson, W.M.
- No. 100. *Valley, Dundas.*
W. Bros. J. L. Barnum, P.M., Proxy; N. Greening, P.M.
- No. 101. *Corinthian, Peterboro.*
W. Bro. T. N. Green, W.M.; R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood and W. Bro. F. D. MacKay, P.M's.

- No. 103. Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.*
W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 104. St John's, Norwich.*
W. Bros. H. Van Valkenberg, W.M.; A. D. Ellis, P.M.
- No. 105. St. Mark's, Niagara Falls South.*
Bros. Robert Murray, S.W.; O. D. Glasgow, J.W.; W. Bro. R. Sloggett, P.M.
- No. 106. Burford, Burford.*
W. Bro. T. G. Davidson, W.M.
- No. 107. St. Paul's, Lambeth.*
R. W. Bro. D. B. Burch, P.M.
- No. 108. Blenheim, Princeton.*
W. Bro. Thos. Force, W.M.; R. W. Bro. James Smiley, P.M.
- No. 109. Albion, Haarrowsmith.*
R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Proxy.
- No. 110. Central, Prescott.*
W. Bro. W. H. Raney, W.M.
- No. 113. Wilson, Waterford.*
W. Bros. A. Bowlby, W.M.; James Ross and D. S. Bale, P.M's.
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W. Bro. A. G. Aldrich, W.M.
- No. 115. Izy, Beamsville.*
W. Bro. C. W. Harrison, Proxy.
- No. 116. Cassia, Thedford.*
R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders, Proxy.
- No. 120. Warren, Fingal.*
W. Bro. George E. Norman, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Fred. Guest and W. Bro. C. E. Edmonds, P.M's.
- No. 121. Doric, Brantford.*
R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, P.M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. L. Secord, P.M.
- No. 122. Renfrew, Renfrew.*
W. Bro. N. W. Cleary, P.M.
- No. 123. The Belleville, Belleville.*
W. Bro. H. J. Clarke, W.M.
- No. 125. Cornwall, Cornwall.*
W. Bro. C. A. MacHaffie, W.M.
- No. 126. Golden Rule, Campbellford.*
Bro. J. C. Fowlds, S.W.
- No. 127. Franck, Frankford.*
W. Bro. C. H. Ketcheson, W.M.

- No. 128. Pembroke, Pembroke.*
W. Bro. R. Ross, W. M.; Bro. A. Morris, S. W.; R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and W. Bro. J. G. Forgie, P.^cM.'s.
- No. 129. The Rising Sun, Aurora.*
W. Bros. F. Baldwin, W.M.; H. J. Charles and J. C. Leadbetter, P.M's.
- No. 131. St. Lawrence, Southampton.*
V. W. Bro. Jas. Dundas, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 133. Lebanon Forest, Exeter.*
R. W. Bro. W. J. Mooney, Proxy.
- No. 135. St. Clair, Milton.*
W. Bro. Jas. A. Frazer, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 136. Richardson, St.uffville.*
W. Bro. John D. Forsyth, W.M.
- No. 137. Pythagoras, Meaford.*
W. Bro. James Cleland, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 140. Malahide, Aylmer.*
R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Biodrick, Proxy.
- No. 141. Tudor, Mitchell.*
W. Bros. G. L. Mowey, W.M.; Wm. Schafer, P.M.
- No. 142. Excelsior, Morrisburg.*
W. Bro. H. B. Ford, W.M.
- No. 143. Friendly Brothers, Iroquois.*
W. Bro. Geo. H. Parlow, W.M.
- No. 144. Tecumseh, Stratford.*
W. Bro. S. J. Mallion, W.M.; Bro. John Stevenson, S. W.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Mooney, P.M.
- No. 147. Mississippi, Almonte.*
W. Bro. N. Washburn, W.M.
- No. 148. Civil Service, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. E. B. Echlin, W.M.
- No. 151. Grand River, Berlin.*
W. Bro. A. B. Campbell, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Von-Pirch and W. Bro. J. H. Landreth, P.M's.
- No. 153. Burns, Wyoming.*
W. Bro. P. Parker, W.M.
- No. 154. Irving, Lucan.*
W. Bro. C. A. Lang, W.M.; Bro. F. D. Orme, S.W.; W. Bro. Wm. Dann, P.M.
- No. 155. Peterborough, Peterborough.*
W. Bro. W. Stocker, W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, W. Bros. Geo. J. Roszel and Rev. W. L. Armitage, P.M's.
- No. 156. York, Eglinton.*
W. Bro. C. Moseley, W.M.; Bro. R. J. Gibson, S.W.; W. Bros. R. W. Hull, D. Robertson and W. E. Hofland, P.M's.

- No. 157. *Newboro, Newboro.*
W. Bro. J. T. Lewis, W.M.
- No. 158. *Alexandra, Oil Springs.*
W. Bro. A. W. Parkes, W.M.
- No. 159. *Goodwood, Richmond.*
W. Bro. F. H. Pratt, W.M.
- No. 161. *Procy, Warkworth.*
R. W. Bro. John M. Shaw, Proxy.
- No. 164. *Star in the East, Wellington.*
Bro. J. D. Stinson, S.W.; W. Bro. F. E. McDonald, P.M.
- No. 165. *Burlington, Burlington.*
W. Bro. Wm. Fleetham, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 166. *Wentworth, Stoney Creek.*
W. Bro. A. T. Kimmins, W.M.
- No. 168. *Merritt, Welland.*
R. W. Bro. John H. Crow, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 170. *Britannia, Seaforth.*
W. Bro. L. C. Jackson, P.M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. Rev. J. W. Hodgins, P.M.
- No. 171. *Prince of Wales, Lawrence Station.*
W. Bros. A. Widdifield, W.M.; J. A. McIntyre, P.M.
- No. 172. *Ayr, Ayr.*
W. Bro. James Cassel, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 177. *The Builders, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. J. H. Putman, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, W. Bro. S. B. Sinclair, P.M.'s.
- No. 180. *Steed, Guelph.*
W. Bro. A. Summers, W.M.; R. W. Bro. John Scoon, P.M.
- No. 181. *Oriental, Port Burwell.*
W. Bro. M. G. Burwell, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 184. *Old Light, Lucknow.*
W. Bros. D. M. Gordon, W.M.; J. Morrison, P.M.
- No. 185. *Enniskillen, York.*
R. W. Bro. R. G. W. Conolly, Proxy.
- No. 186. *Plantagenet, Plantagenet.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Franklin, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 190. *Belmont, Belmont.*
W. Bro. W. C. Moore, P.M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. John Boyd, W. Bros. D. Ferguson and Manuel McKay, P.M.'s.
- No. 192. *Orillia, Orillia.*
R. W. Bro. R. Raikes, Proxy.
- No. 193. *Scotland, Scotland.*
W. Bros. A. W. Smith, W.M.; W. C. Hooker, P.M.

- No. 194. *Petrolia, Petrolia.*
W. Bro. Wm. Barrett, W.M.; R. W. Bro. John Sinclair, P.M.
- No. 195. *The Tuscan, London.*
W. Bro. H. C. McBride, W.M.; R. W. Bros. P. W. D. Brodrick and A. G. McWhinney, V. W. Bro. E. Paull and W. Bro. W. A. Piper, P.M's.
- No. 196. *Madawaska, Arnprior.*
R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Proxy.
- No. 197. *Saugeen, Walkerton.*
W. Bro. F. H. Arscott, W.M.; R. W. Bro. H. Clark, P.M.
- No. 200. *St. Alban's, Mount Forest.*
W. Bro. J. S. Ireland, W.M.
- No. 201. *Leeds, Gananoque.*
W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, W.M.
- No. 203. *Irvine, Elora.*
W. Bro. T. Godfrey, W.M.
- No. 205. *New Dominion, New Hamburg.*
W. Bros. A. Steckel, P.M., Proxy; J. A. Smith, P.M.
- No. 209. *St. John's London.*
W. Bro. E. W. B. Eardley, W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar V. W. Bro. C. A. Kingston W. Bros. T. H. Weldon, Wm. O'Brien and J. A. Smith, P.M's.
- No. 209. *Evergreen, Linark.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Franklin, Proxy.
- No. 212. *Elysian, Garden Island.*
R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Proxy.
- No. 215. *Lake, Amherstburg.*
W. Bro. M. B. Nixon, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 216. *Harris, Orangeville.*
R. W. Bro. Robt. Irvine, P.M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. John McLaren, P.M.
- No. 217. *Frederick, Delhi.*
W. Bro. H. L. Stratton, W.M.
- No. 218. *Stevenson, Toronto.*
W. Bro. J. Stephens, W.M.; Bro. W. H. Hutchinson, J. W.; M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, R. W. Bro. John Watson, V. W. Bro. R. Cuthbert and W. Bro. John Patton, P.M's.
- No. 219. *Credit, Georgetown.*
W. Bro. R. C. McCullough, W.M.; V. W. Bro. S. Beaumont, P.M.
- No. 220. *Zeredatha, Uxbridge.*
W. Bro. S. S. Sharpe, W.M.; V. W. Bro. S. B. Todd and W. Bro. J. Haggis, P.M's.

- No. 222. Marmora, Marmora.*
W. Bro. J. W. Pearce, W.M.
- No. 224. Zurich, Hensall.*
R. W. Bro. Geo. T. McKay and W. Bro. W. M. Doig,
P.M's.
- No. 225. Bernard, Listowell.*
Bro. A. H. Nichol, S.W.; R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell,
V. W. Bro. M. McD. Fleming and W. Bro. B. F. Brook,
P.M's.
- No. 228. Prince Arthur, Odessa.*
W. Bro. Wm. Renton, Proxy.
- No. 229. Ionic, Brampton.*
R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 230. Kerr, Barrie.*
W. Bro. D. M. Stewart, W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan,
W. Bros. W. J. Hallett, H. E. Tory and J. Stevenson,
P.M's.
- No. 231. Fidelity, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. James Hill, W.M.
- No. 232. Cameron, Dutton.*
W. Bro. James Balkwill, W.M.; Bros. D. A. Cameron,
S.W.; H. W. Bodman, J.W.; W. Bro. Thomas Hockin,
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- No. 419. Bismarck, Point Edward.*
W. Bro. Wm. McCleister, W.M.
- No. 420. Nipissing, North Bay.*
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- No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.*
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- No. 423. Strong, Sudbury.*
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W. Bro. Joseph Hood, P.M., Proxy.
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Bro. J. A. Smith, J.W.
- 447* *Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.*
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- 448.* *Xenophon, Wheatley.*
W. Bro. James Reynolds, W.M.
- No. 449.* *Dundalk, Dundalk.*
W. Bro. J. Clarey, W.M.
- No. 450.* *Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury.*
Bro. W. T. Hall, S.W.
- No. 453.* *Royal, Fort William.*
W. Bro. James McLaren, W.M.

THE ACTING GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled :

Brethren of Grand Lodge :

By the favor of the Great Architect, and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble in Grand Lodge, and I, as the Acting Grand Master, extend a cordial and fraternal welcome to the brethren in attendance at the forty-seventh Annual Communication.

DEATHS.

When our highly esteemed and much beloved Brother Hungerford was, on the 18th of July, 1901, unanimously re-elected to the distinguished position of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, every member expected that our brother had a long, useful and happy life before him, expectations, alas, never to be realized.

On the 10th day of August last, I was informed that our l. t. Grand Master had a slight stroke of paralysis on the 8th, and in order to relieve him of any anxiety in connection with the business of the Grand Lodge, I immediately wrote him offering my services during his illness. Our brother lingered on without improvement, and on the 9th day of September last, at the call of the Great Architect of the Universe, ceased from labor and entered into rest. He was buried with the ceremonies of our Order on the 11th day of September last at Woodlawn cemetery, near the city of London. The Grand Lodge, the lodges of the city of London and many visiting brethren from Toronto, Hamilton, St. Thomas, Stratford, Ingersoll and other parts of the jurisdiction being in attendance, besides a very large concourse of the citizens of London from every walk in life, who not on'y filled the church where the religious services were held, but thronged the streets in the vicinity, and I may say with the poet :

Among the dead our brother sleeps,
His life is rounded true and well,
And love in bitter sorrow weeps
Above his dark and narrow cell.

As Hiram slept, the widow's son,
So doth our brother take his rest,
Life's battles fought, life's duties done,
His faults forgot his worth confessed.

Besides our Grand Master death has taken from us many well-known and distinguished brethren of this jurisdiction, among others the following:

R. W. Br. J. T. McKillop, P. M., The Hammond Lodge, 327, P.D.D.G.M.

R. W. Bro. Robt. King, P.M., Corinthian Lodge, 96, P.D.D.G.M.

R. W. Bro. Alvin Orton, P.M., Simcoe Lodge, 79, P.D.D.G.M.

R. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow, P.M., Dalhousie Lodge, 52, P.D.D.G.M.

R. W. Bro. Adam Cranston, P.M., Galt Lodge, 257, P.D.D.G.M.

V. W. Bro. Francis Gallow, P.M., Rehoboam Lodge, 65, P.G.J.D.

V. W. Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M., Ionic Lodge, 25, P. Asst. G. S.

V. W. Bro. Jacob Hoffman, P.M., Ontario Lodge, 26, P.G. Sword Bearer.

V. W. Bro. W. S. Lee, P.M., St. Andrew's Lodge, 16, P. G. Steward.

V. W. Bro. James Quigg, P.M., Sussex Lodge, 5, P. G. Steward.

V. W. Bro. Wm. Young, P.M., Wellington Lodge, 46, P. G. Steward.

W. Bro. B. W. Ferguson, P.M., Irving Lodge, 154, Lucan.

W. Bro. Beattie, P.M., St. John's Lodge, 104, Norwich.

W. Bro. James Hayes, P.M., Norfolk Lodge, 10, Simcoe.

W. Bro. S. F. B. Reid, P.M., Alexandria Lodge, 439, Alexandria.

W. Bro. G. D. Wagner, P.M., Cornwall Lodge, 125, Cornwall.

W. Bro. J. D. Smith, P.M., Salem Lodge, 368, Brockville.

W. Bro. T. W. Reynolds, P.M., The Barton Lodge, 6, Hamilton.

W. Bro. W. R. Job, P.M., St. John's Lodge, 40, Hamilton.

W. Bro. John Taylor, P.M., Amity Lodge, 32, Dunnville.

W. Bro. David Scott, P.M., Ivy Lodge, 115, Beamsville.

W. Bro. W. S. Hodgins, P.M., St. Andrew's Lodge, 16, Toronto.

W. Bro. W. C. McCarty, P.M., Sharon Lodge, 97, Sharon.

W. Bro. J. W. Crossley, P.M., Rising Sun Lodge, 129, Aurora.

W. Bro. John Sharpe, P.M., Brock Lodge, 354, Cannington.

W. Bro. Alex. Findlay, P.M., St. John's Lodge, 20, London.

While we mourn our brethren of this Grand Lodge fallen by the wayside, we do not forget to offer our heartfelt tribute to the memory of the distinguished dead of our sister jurisdictions during the past year.

The most painful event of the past year was the sudden and untimely death by assassination of Brother William McKinley, President of the United States of America, a faithful and zealous Mason and an honored member of Eagle Lodge, No. 431, Canton, Ohio, cut down in the splendor of his distinguished career, a victim of one of the most wanton and unprovoked assassinations of which history gives any account.

R. W. Bro. John Logan Power, Grand Secretary for 32 years, of Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

M. W. Bro. Bellamy S. Sutton, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Indiana.

M. W. Bro. the Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Bullock, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

M. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Helder Isaacson, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary since its formation, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Our late brother took an active part in the organization of this Grand Lodge, was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, and following year Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Col. Hugh Sterling, Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

M. W. Bro. Beaufort Watts Ball, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

R. W. Bro. John Day Caldwell, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Ohio, from 1852 to 1887, and emeritus Grand Secretary until his death.

On the death of our Grand Master it became my duty, under the constitution, to take up the gavel, assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, in addition to the duties and responsibilities of Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board of General Purposes, and as Acting Grand Master I will now as briefly as possible render an account of my stewardship.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND
CANADA.

On the 12th day of September last I appointed R. W. Bro. Alex. Patterson P.G.R. and Secretary of the Local Board of Relief, Toronto, and R. W. Bro. Steiner, one of the Commissioners for Ontario at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo as our representatives at the Bi-annual meeting of this Association, of which our deceased Grand Master was President at the time of his death. Those brethren attended the meetings of the Association on the 16th, 17th and 18th days of September last, and will no doubt present their report at this Grand Lodge. Since the inception of this Association in 1885, it has accomplished much good in detecting and unmasking Masonic tramps and imposters, and I recommend our continued affiliation therewith.

ROYAL SOLOMON MOTHER LODGE, NO. 293.

At our last annual communication this Lodge was suspended and directions given that immediate steps be taken towards the absolute withdrawal of the Warrant unless good cause be shown why that course should not be adopted (see annual proceedings, pages 43, 44 and 315).

The Grand Secretary having notified the Lodge of its suspension, I caused a notice to be mailed to the W. M. and officers of the Lodge on the 21st day of March last, citing them to appear at this communication of Grand Lodge and show cause why their Warrant should not be withdrawn.

The receipt of this notice is admitted by letter from the W. M. of the Lodge, dated 5th day of May, 1902.

Notwithstanding the suspension of this Lodge it still continued to hold meetings, attended by members of the craft of other jurisdictions. I caused a circular letter to be prepared and mailed by the Grand Secretary to all Grand Lodges with whom we are in communication, informing them of the suspension of this Lodge. Since the issue of the above mentioned circular, a letter written by the W. M. of the Lodge, admitting grave irregularities, has been placed in my hands. I have also received from the Grand Secretary letters from several individuals who claim to have been defrauded by this Lodge and asking Grand Lodge to repay the moneys improperly exacted from them. In every instance the sum paid has been largely in excess of the fee for initiation in said Lodge. I have also received from M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson a copy of the minutes of the Lodge from its institution on the 7th day of May, 1873, until and including the minutes of their regular meeting on the 4th day of May, 1901. A careful perusal of the minutes has convinced me that this Warrant should never have been granted, owing to the impossibilities of due supervision of the work of the Lodge. From the first meeting the Lodge has persistently violated the constitution.

I earnestly recommend Grand Lodge to recall this Warrant without further delay. I would have ordered the Warrant to have been delivered up long ago but for the provisions of the constitution, Sec. 158, and the report of Grand Lodge above referred to. A grave scandal upon Masonry has too long been permitted to exist by Grand Lodge.

IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA AGAINST ST. GEORGE
LODGE NO. 367, TORONTO.

The Report on Grievances and Appeals adopted at our last Annual Communication directed certain proceedings to be taken by St. George's Lodge against Bro. John Phillips, as detailed in clause 3 of Paragraph 6 of that report, under the directions of the D.D.G.M. of the District of Toronto East, No. 11a, with the assistance of counsel to be appointed by the Grand Master. In pursuance of said direction I appointed R. W. Bro. Roaf,

K.C., counsel. The prosecution of the charges against Bro. John Phillips resulted in the dismissal of all the charges brought against him by the Lodge. I have carefully considered the evidence and proceedings in the case and fully concur in the action taken by the Lodge. The Grand Secretary has carried out the further directions contained in said report. After the termination of the trial of Bro. John Phillips I instructed the Grand Secretary to write to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of B.C., that as every charge made against Bro. Phillips had, upon investigation, been found without any justification, I thought that Corinthian Lodge No. 27, Rossland, B.C., should now confer the degrees of Fellowcraft and Master Mason upon Bro. Phillips. Up to the present time no reply has been received to this communication. As both St. George Lodge and Bro. Phillips have been put to great trouble and expense in the investigation ordered by Grand Lodge, I recommend that Grand Lodge pay the counsel fee of counsel in Toronto and in British Columbia.

DEDICATIONS.

1. On the 23rd day of December, 1901, the new hall of Wentworth Lodge No. 166, Stoney Creek, was dedicated by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, assisted by R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, and a number of Hamilton brethren. As I was unable to attend I had great pleasure in appointing M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to act for me.

2. On the 23rd of January last I dedicated the new rooms in the Masonic Temple buildings, London, occupied by the Lodges of that city. The rooms are commodious and well furnished, in every way suitable for the purposes intended, and I trust they may long remain for the use of the brethren. I was assisted by R. W. Bro. the Rev. R. Von Pirch, Grand Chaplain, and a very large number of brethren belonging to the city and surrounding districts. In the evening I attended at a most successful At Home given by the city lodges. The brethren are to be congratulated on the success of both functions.

3. On the 6th day of March last I dedicated the new rooms of Corinthian Lodge No. 101, and Peterborough

Lodge No. 155 at Peterborough in my own district. There was a very large attendance of brethren, owing to a Lodge of Instruction being held at the same time and place. I was assisted by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. the Rev. R. Von Pirch, and a large number of brethren of Peterborough and the surrounding districts. The rooms are the most commodious in the Province, and the brethren of Peterborough are to be congratulated.

4. On the 23rd day of May last I dedicated the new rooms of Grand River Lodge No. 151, Berlin. The rooms are commodious, well furnished and creditable to the good taste and zeal of the brethren. I was assisted by R. W. Bro. the Rev. R. Von Pirch, Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, P.G.S.W., and R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, P.G.J.W., of London. I am much indebted to the Grand Chaplain and R. W. Bros. McWhinney and Dewar for their assistance whenever called upon by me during the year. A large number of brethren were in attendance, and during the evening we were royally entertained.

5. On the 28th day of May last the new lodge room of Lorne Lodge N. 282, Glencoe, was dedicated by R. W. Bro. Edward Worth, the energetic and capable D. D.G.M. of the First District, who I had great pleasure in appointing to act for me. He reports a most successful function and good attendance, although on the eve of the general election.

CORNER STONES.

On the 9th day of October last I caused a special communication of Grand Lodge to be summoned to meet at the Town of Cobourg on 18th of the same month to lay the corner stone of the new Collegiate Institute building to be erected in that town. I was unable to attend, owing to a serious illness, and M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, of Kingston, kindly took charge of the function for me. I am indebted to my M. W. brother for his prompt assistance given at a moment's notice.

At the invitation of the trustees of the Robert Burns Mounment Fund, of Toronto, I convened a special communication of Grand Lodge to meet at the hall of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Temple Building, Toronto, on

Saturday, the 21st day of June last, to lay the corner stone of the monument to be erected in the Allan Gardens, Toronto, in memory of our Bro. Robert Burns, an enthusiastic Mason and the poet laureate of Scottish Freemasonry. I was assisted in the ceremony by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P.G.M., of Hamilton; M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland, P.G.M., of Rochester, N.Y.; R. W. Bros. J. W. St. John and J. Watson, D.D.G.M's of the Toronto District, and a very large number of brethren. I was deprived of the able assistance of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P.G.M., owing to the demise of a friend.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO LODGES.

During the past year it has been my privilege and pleasure to go into many sections of this jurisdiction, and I have everywhere been treated with the utmost consideration, each lodge vying with the other as to the character and extent of its kindness; for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me, I desire to express my humble and grateful appreciation.

Everywhere the true spirit of Masonry prevails and the dignity and character of the order is maintained.

Concurring in the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes on the condition of Masonry, as to the desirability of holding a Lodge of Instruction in each district during the year, I directed the Grand Secretary to issue a circular to the several D.D.G.M's, instructing them to hold at least one Lodge of Instruction in their respective districts during the year. I also directed them to communicate with me as to the date of holding such lodge to enable me to attend as many as possible. I was able to attend the following:

District No. 2, at Sarnia, Dec. 5, 1901.

District No. 1, at Windsor, Dec. 6, 1901.

District No. 15, at Brockville, January 21, 1902.

District No. 6, at Woodstock, February 18, 1902.

District No. 1, at Tilbury, February 19, 1902.

District No. 9, at Orillia, February 26, 1902.

District No. 12, at Peterborough, March 6, 1902.

District No. 18, at Huntsville, March 11, 1902.

District No. 11, at Toronto, March 18, 1902.

District No. 11a, at Toronto, May 2, 1902.

These Lodges of Instruction were attended by large numbers of the craft, and in every instance instructive and interesting sessions were held. At Sarnia we were honored by the attendance of the M. W. Bro. Neil McMillan, G.M. for the State of Michigan, who was cordially welcomed by the brethren and contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

R. W. Bro. Worth, D.D.G.M. of District No. 1, held four Lodges of Instruction in his district and visited every Lodge therein three and four times during the year, making a record never excelled by any D.D.G.M. in this jurisdiction.

BY-LAWS.

During my term I have settled and approved of by-laws and amendments of by-laws of a great number of Lodges. A list will be presented by the Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

At the request of the Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges hereinafter mentioned, I have recommended the following named brethren for appointment as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge:

R. W. Bro. the Hon. George S. Landerkin (Hanover) as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in place of M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, deceased.

W. Bro. D. L. Carley (Windsor) as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

R. W. Bro. W. J. Mooney (Stratford) as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw (Kingston) as representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in place of R. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow, deceased.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, K.C. (Collingwood), as representative, for a further period of five years, of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

NEW LODGES.

Dispensations for the formation of new Lodges have been granted as follows:

1901, August 9th, Avonmore Lodge, Avonmore, District No. 15.

1901, November 21st, Royal Lodge, Fort William, District No. 17.

1902, April 22nd, Corona Lodge, Burks Falls, District No. 18.

1902, May 27th, Doric Lodge, Little Current, District No. 18.

1902, May 28th, Elma Lodge, Monkton, District No. 4.

During my term I granted a number of dispensations, for various purposes. A list will be presented by the Grand Secretary.

DECISIONS.

A large number of questions were submitted to me for my decision during my term, but none of them of sufficient importance to be reported.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

Several applications have been made to me during my term for rulings on physical qualifications of candidates. The W. M. of the Lodge is appointed the judge by section 220 of the book of Constitution. The best guide I can refer them to is the rule laid down by M. W. Bro. Henderson in 1880, as follows:

"Unless a candidate be in a condition to receive, perform and communicate all parts of the ceremonies and duties of the Order he is not eligible. He must be capable of making himself known in the dark as well as in the light. The capacity referred to is natural without artificial assistance."

REDISTRIBUTION OF THE DISTRICTS.

I recommend a new redistribution of the districts, as it is many years since the present districts were established and great changes have taken place in the meantime. District No. 17 includes Lodges at each end of Lake Superior, requiring a journey of upwards of two thousand miles to visit the Lodges in this district. This is too great an undertaking to be placed on a brother acting as D.D.G.M.

FINANCES.

For information as to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, I refer to the report of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer, from which you will see the total receipts \$25,341.45, total expenditure \$20,777.12, leaving a surplus of \$4,564.33.

BENEVOLENCE.

During my term the Grand Lodge expended the large sum of \$12,348.00 in benevolence, besides the sums expended by private Lodges.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

From the information I have received and from my own observations I am able to report the craft is in the most flourishing condition throughout the jurisdiction.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to the D. D.G.M's throughout the jurisdiction and the Officers and Past Grand Officers who so willingly assisted me in the discharge of my duties.

I also desire to express to our M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, my sincere appreciation of the many kindnesses, personal and official, shown to me. I regret that illness prevents him being present at this communication of Grand Lodge, and I unite with my brethren and his family in rejoicing at the improvement in his health, and pray that he may long be spared to his family and this Grand Lodge.

We as Masons rejoice at the rapid recovery of His Most Gracious Majesty the King, from his recent severe illness, and pray the Great Architect of the Universe to grant him complete recovery and long life and happiness.

Dated at Windsor this 16th day of July, 1902.

JOHN E. HARDING,

Acting Grand Master.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson and

Resolved, That the address of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Annual Communication at Windsor, 16th July, 1902.

To the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

R. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—

I beg to present to Grand Lodge my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and the expenditure made, with returns of subordinate Lodges as at the 24th June, 1902, and ledger balances, as at the 31st May, 1902, together with, by instruction of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, a record of the Especial Communications summoned, dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed, and other official acts of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

The receipts and expenditure from the 1st June, 1901, to the 31st May, 1902, have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Certificates	\$ 3,810 00
Dues	14,014 00
Fees	2,338 25
Dispensations	276 00
Warrants	40 00
Constitutions and Ceremonies	613 13
Commutation of dues	535 00
Miscellaneous	42 50
Interest	3,672 57

EXPENDITURES.

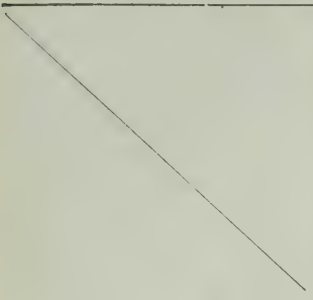
Salary of Grand Sec- retary	\$ 2,000 00
Salary of Grand Sec- retary's Assistant	800 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	200 00
Salary of Stenogra- pher	300 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent	350 00
Masonic Relief Asso- ciation, subscrip- tion	125 00
M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, trav- elling expenses	500 00
Expenses Benevol- ence investigation	466 50
Spectator Printing Co, sundry print- ing	1,488 42
R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Acting G. M. on account travelling expenses	250 00
Balance of incident- als to 31st May, 1901	23 46
The Grand Secretary, advance for inci- dentials	500 00
Expenses, Board of General Purposes	775 35
J. Eastwood & Co. stationery	71 54
Copp, Clark Co., cer- tificates, etc	911 50
Deputy Grand Mas- ter, bag for regalia	5 00
Committee on For- eign Correspond- ence	100 00
Expenses, meeting of Grand Lodge at Hamilton	124 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	50 00
Entertainment of vis- itors at Grand Lodge	42 40

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

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Insurance on Grand Lodge regalia.....	17 50
Expenses, Grand Secretary attending meeting of Grand Secretaries' Guild.	55 00
R. Duncan & Co., binding, etc	31 45
J. Gummage & Son, floral design Grand Master.	25 00
Orders on Fund of Benevolence.....	11,565 00

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By direction of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were held as follows:

On the 17th September, 1901, at Wheatley, for the purpose of constituting, consecrating and dedicating Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, R. W. Bro. Edward Worth, D. D.G.M., officiating.

On the 18th October, 1901, at Cobourg, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Cobourg Collegiate Institute, M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, K.C., Past Grand Master, officiating.

On the 23rd December, 1901, at Stoney Creek, for the purpose of dedicating the new rooms of Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Past Grand Master, officiating.

On the 23rd January, 1902, at London, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall for the London Lodges, R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C., Acting Grand Master, officiating.

On the 6th March, 1902, at Peterborough, for the purpose of dedicating the new rooms of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, and Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C., Acting Grand Master, officiating.

On the 23rd May, 1902, at Berlin, for the purpose of dedicating the new rooms of Grand River Lodge, No. 151, R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C., Acting Grand Master, officiating.

On the 28th May, 1902, at Glencoe, for the purpose of dedicating the new rooms of Lorne Lodge, No. 282. R. W. Bro. Edward Worth, D.D.G.M., officiating.

On the 21st June, 1902, at Toronto, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Burns Monument, R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C., Acting Grand Master, officiating.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

By direction of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, the following dispensations for new lodges were issued:

1901. August 9th, Avonmore Lodge, Avonmore, St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

1901. November 21st, Royal Lodge, Fort William, Algoma District, No. 17.

1902. April 22nd, Corona Lodge, Burks Falls, Nipissing District, No. 18.

1902. May 27th, Doric Lodge, Little Current, Nipissing District, No. 18.

1902. May 28th, Elma Lodge, Monkton, South Huron District, No. 4.

REMOVAL OF LODGE.

On the 5th October, 1901, the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, approved of the removal of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, from Farran's Point to Aultsville.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Masters of the respective Grand Lodges, the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, has made the following appointments, namely:

W. Bro. W. S. Summers, of Omaha, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, in place of M. W. Bro. James Gilbert, deceased.

R.W. Bro. Harry T. Howard, of Biloxi, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in place of W. Bro. V. P. Still, now representing another Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. P. C. J. Campbell, as our representative near the newly recognized Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Jochum, of Washington, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia for a further period of five years.

R. W. Bro. S. W. Hendrie, of Valparaiso, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Chili, in place of W. Bro. A. M. Medina, deceased.

Upon the recommendation of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, the following appointments have been made, namely:

R. W. Bro. W. J. Mooney, of Stratford, as representative of the newly recognized Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

R. W. Bro. the Hon. Geo. S. Landerkin, M.D., of Hanover, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in place of M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, deceased.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, K.C., of Collingwood, as representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia for a further period of five years.

R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw, of Kingston, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in place of R. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow, deceased.

LODGE BY-LAWS.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master, has examined, revised and confirmed the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.:

1901.	15th Aug..	Faithful Brethren Lodge.	No. 77,	Lindsay.
"	24th Sept..	Kent Lodge	" 274,	Blenheim.
"	1st Oct....	Lodge of Fidelity.....	" 231,	Ottawa.
"	24th Oct..	Tuscan Lodge	" 437,	Sarnia.
"	17th Dec..	Dymont Lodge	" 442,	Thesalon.
"	23rd Dec..	Teeswater Lodge	" 276,	Teeswater.
"	28th Dec..	Golden Rule Lodge.....	" 409,	Gravenhurst.
1902.	11th Feb.	Moirs Lodge	" 11,	Belleville.
"	27th Feb..	True Blue Lodge.....	" 98,	Bolton.
"	28th Feb..	Muskoka Lodge	" 360,	Bracebridge

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master, has examined, revised and confirmed amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.:

1901.	23rd Aug..	Georgina Lodge	No. 343,	Toronto.
"	12th Sept..	Cornwall Lodge	" 125,	Cornwall.
"	5th Oct...	Cornwall Lodge	" 125,	Cornwall.
"	28th Oct..	Valley Lodge.....	" 100,	Dundas.

1901.	29th Oct...	Ivy Lodge.....	No.	115,	Beamsville.
"	9th Nov...	Kerr Lodge.....	"	230,	Barrie.
"	9th Dec...	Acacia Lodge.....	"	430,	East Toronto.
"	10th Dec...	Brock Lodge.....	"	354,	Cannington.
"	26th Dec...	Peterborough	"	155,	Peterborough.
1902.	6th Jan...	Nipissing Lodge	"	420,	North Bay.
"	6th Jan...	Strong Lodge.....	"	423,	Sundridge.
"	9th Jan...	Conestoga Lodge.....	"	295,	Drayton.
"	10th Feb...	Cornwall Lodge	"	125,	Cornwall.
"	31st Mar...	St. James' Lodge	"	73,	St. Marys.
"	4th April...	Peterborough Lodge ..	"	155,	Peterborough.
"	7th April...	Cornwall Lodge	"	125,	Cornwall.
"	17th April...	The Barton Lodge	"	6,	Hamilton.
"	17th April...	Ashlar Lodge.....	"	247,	Toronto.
"	16th May...	Durham Lodge	"	66,	Newcastle.
"	29th May...	Caledonian Lodge	"	249,	Midland.
"	2nd June...	Sturgeon Falls Lodge ..	"	447,	Sturgeon Falls.
"	10th June...	Lancaster Lodge.....	"	207,	Lancaster.

DISPENSATIONS.

By direction of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, I have issued the following dispensations :

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Dec. 23, 1900..	361	Waverley	Guelph	To Install.
July 15, 1901..	235	Aldworth	Paisley	" Install.
" 18, " ..	395	Parvaim	Comber	" Attend Divine Service.
" 30, " ..	416	Lyn	Lyn	" Elect and Install.
Aug. 9, " ..	297	Preston	Preston	" Install.
" 14, " ..	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	" Decorate Graves.
" 28, " ..	321	Walker	Acton	" Attend Divine Service.
Sept. 24, " ..	22	King Solomon's	Toronto.....	" Change Night of Meeting.
Oct. 2, " ..	375	Lorne	Omamee	" Confer out of Jurisdiction.
" 18, " ..	331	Fordwich	Fordwich	" Attend Divine Service.
Nov. 4, " ..	352	Granite	Parry Sound	" Elect.
" 4, " ..	101	Corinthian	Peterboro'	" Elect.
" 13, " ..	165	Burlington	Burlington	" Attend Divine Service.
" 15, " ..	247	Ashlar	Toronto	" Elect.
" 20, " ..	367	St. George	Toronto	" Attend an "At Home."
" 22, " ..	38	Trent	Trenton	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 23, " ..	249	Caledonian	Midland	" Elect
" 25, " ..	11	Moir	Belleville.....	" Elect.
" 26, " ..	10	Norfolk	Simcoe	" Elect.
" 26, " ..	140	Malahide.....	Aylmer	" Elect.
" 27, " ..	201	Leeds	Gananoque.....	" Elect.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Nov. 29, 1901..	334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	" Elect.
" 30, ..	48	Madoc	Madoc	" Elect.
" 30, ..	410	Zeta	Toronto	" Install.
" 30, ..	31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	" Elect.
" 30, ..	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	" Elect.
" 30, ..	412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie	" Elect.
Dec. 2, ..	222	Marmora.....	Marmora	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 3, ..	90	Manito	Collingwood.....	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 3, ..	149	Erie	Port Dover	" Install.
" 3, ..	216	Harris	Orangeville	" Elect.
" 4, ..	245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	To Elect.
Dec. 4, ..	165	Burlington	Burlington	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 10, ..	172	Ayr.....	Ayr	" Elect.
" 13, ..	247	Ashlar	Toronto	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 16, ..	22	King Solomon's	Toronto	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 16, ..	147	Mississippi	Almonte.....	" Install.
" 16, ..	421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	" Elect.
" 23, ..	106	Burford	Burford	" Install.
" 26, ..	76	Oxford	Woodstock	" Install.
" 26, ..	418	Maxville	Maxville	" Install.
" 23, ..	159	Goodwood	Richmond.....	" Elect.
" 23, ..	159	Goodwood	Richmond.....	" Install.
" 27, ..	406	The Spy.....	Fenelon Falls	" Install.
" 28, ..	224	Zurich	Hensall	" Install.
" 31, ..				

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Dec. 31, 1901.	356	River Park	Streetsville	To Install.
Jan. 2, 1902.	289	Doric	Lobo	" Install.
" 3, "	383	Henderson	Winchester	" Install.
" 4, "	312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	" Install.
" 4, "	362	Maple Leaf	Tara	" Install.
" 6, "	93	Northern Light	Kincardine	" Install.
" 6, "	422	Star of the East	Bothwell	" Install.
" 7, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	" Confer Third Degree.
" 7, "	440	Arcadia	Minden	" Attend an "At Home.
" 9, "	324	Temple	Hamilton	" Emergent to Install.
" 11, "	209 <i>a</i>	St. John's	London	" Install.
" 8, "	442	Dymont	Thessalon	" Attend Ball.
" 15, "	360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	" Emergent to Install.
" 16, "	62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	" Install.
" 17, "	290	Leamington	Leamington	" Install.
" 20, "	209 <i>a</i>	St. John's	London	" Confer Third Degree.
" 20, "	21 <i>a</i>	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	" Install.
" 20, "	115	Ivy	Beansville	" Install.
" 22, "	263	Forest	Forest	" Attend an "At Home."
" 23, "	326	Zetland	Toronto	" Attend an "At Home."
" 27, "	319	Hiram	Hagersville	" Elect and Install.
" 29, "	16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	" Attend an "At Home."
" 27, "	41	St. George's	Kingsville	" Install.
Feb. 4, "	384	Alpha	Toronto	" Attend an "At Home."


DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Feb. 4, 1901..	318	Georgian	Penetanguishene	To Install J. W.
" 7, "	383	Henderson	Winchester	" Attend Divine Service.
" 8, "	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	" Attend an "At Home."
" 12, "	20	St. John's	London	" Attend an "At Home."
" 14, "	380	Union	Sombra	" Attend Divine Service.
" 20, "	425	St. Clair	Vankleek Hill	" Elect and Install.
" 25, "	21a	St. John's	Thamesford	" Attend an "At Home."
" 25, "	394	King Solomon's	Almonte	" Attend an "At Home."
" 26, "	147	Mississippi	Toronto	" Attend an "At Home."
Mar. 22, "	218	Stevenson	Alliston	" To meet in A.O.U.W. Hall 6 mo. from 1 Apl. 1902
" 27, "	285	Seven Star	Rat Portage	" To meet in Odd Fellows' Hall 6 mo. from 1 Apl. 1902
" 20, "	414	Pequonga	Omeme	To Install.
" 20, "	375	Lorne	Parry Sound	" Attend Divine Service.
Apr. 28, "	352	Granite	Ganoque	" Attend Divine Service.
June 4, "	201	Leeds	Pictou	" Attend an "At Home."
" 6, "	18	Prince Edward	Ottawa	" Attend Divine Service.
" 7, "	148	Civil Service	Meaford	" Attend Divine Service.
" 12, "	137	Pythagoras	Port Arthur	" Attend Divine Service.
" 13, "	287	Shuniah	Stirling	" Attend Divine Service.
" 13, "	69	Stirling	Orillia	" Attend Divine Service.
" 13, "	192	Orillia	Toronto	" Install.
" 13, "	343	Georgina	Oakville	" Confer Third Degree.
" 16, "	400	Oakville	Sault Ste. Marie	" Attend Divine Service.
" 16, "	412	Keystone		

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 18, 1902..	243	St. George.....	St. George	" Attend Divine Service.
" 18, " "	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	" Attend Divine Service.
" 19, " "	20	St. John's	London	" Attend Divine Service.
" 19, " "	66	Durham	Newcastle	" Install.
" 20, " "	383	Henderson	Winchester	" Attend Divine Service.
" 20, " "	354	Brock	Cannington	" Attend Divine Service.
" 21, " "	174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan	" Attend Divine Service.
" 23, " "	442	Dymont	Thessalon	" Attend Divine Service.
" 23, " "	220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	" Attend Divine Service on 26th.
" 23, " "	360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	" Attend Divine Service.
" 24, " "	359	Vittoria	Vittoria	" Attend Divine Service.
" 26, " "	157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 27, " "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	" Attend Divine Service.
" 27, " "	439	Alexandria	Alexandria	" Attend Divine Service.

Fraternally submitted.



Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, 12th July, 1902.

**Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.**

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, 16th July, 1902.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario :*

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1902 :

The balance at the credit of the Current Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 3rd of June, 1901, was.....\$13,348 61

During the year I have received from the Grand Secretary..... 25,341 45

\$38,690 06

The expenditures during the year for General Purposes were\$ 9,212 12

For Benevolence..... 11,565 00

\$20,777 12

Balance in the Bank on the 2nd June, 1902 . . . \$17,912 94

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

*The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with HUGH
MURRAY, Grand Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

1901.

June 1—Balance as per Balance Sheet.....\$81,856 86
" 1—Balance at credit of Asylum Fund now transferred to General Fund..... 16,491 75

1902.

June 2—Received from Grand Secretary during the year..... 25,341 45

\$123,690 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

1901.		
June	30—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent...	\$ 175 00
"	30—Stenographer, salary to date	75 00
"	30—Grand Secretary, salary to date	500 00
"	30—Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to date.	200 00
"	30—Grand Treasurer, salary to date.....	50 00
July	31—Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals	23 46
"	31—J. B. Nixon, re Benevolence investigation...	200 00
"	31—J. B. Nixon, attending Benevolent Com.....	25 00
"	31—Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals....	500 00
"	31—The Copp, Clark Co., certificates, etc.....	911 50
"	31—Henry Robertson, foreign correspondence...	100 00
Aug.	31—J. Eastwood & Co., stationery.....	71 54
"	31—Spectator Printing Co., balance printing account.....	488 42
"	31—Robert Duncan & Co., binding, etc.....	31 45
"	31—Entertainment of Grand Lodge visitors....	42 40
"	31—Annual Sub. General Masonic Relief Asso....	125 00
"	31—Expenses meeting of Grand Lodge at Ham- ilton	124 00
"	31—Expenses Board of General Purposes	775 35
"	31—R. B. Hungerford, G. M., traveling expenses, 1900.....	500 00
"	31—Premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	50 00
Sept.	30—J. B. Nixon, re Benevolent investigation....	100 00
"	30—Grand Secretary, salary.....	500 00
"	30—Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary.....	200 00
"	30—Stenographer, salary.....	75 00
"	30—Expenses Grand Secretary attending Grand Secretary's Guild.	55 00
"	30—Grand Treasurer, salary	50 00
"	30—J. B. Nixon, re Benevolent investigation....	100 00
Oct.	31—J. B. Nixon, re Benevolent investigation....	41 50
"	31—J. Gummage & Son, floral design for G. M..	25 00
Nov.	30—Ambrose, Kent & Co., case for G. M.'s regalia	5 00
Dec.	31—Grand Treasurer, salary	50 00
"	31—Grand Secretary, salary	500 00
"	31—Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary.....	200 00
"	31—Stenographer, salary.....	75 00
1902.		
Feb.	28—Spectator Printing Co., account printing....	1,000 00
Mar.	31—Grand Treasurer, salary	50 00
"	31—Stenographer, salary.....	75 00
"	31—Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary.....	200 00
April	30—J. E. Harding, Acting G. M., travelling ex- penses	250 00
"	30—Routh & Payne, insurance premiums.....	17 50
"	30—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent...	175 00
"	30—Grand Secretary, salary.....	500 00
May	30—Benevolent orders as per list	11,565 00
"	30—Balance as per balance sheet.....	102,912 94
		<hr/> \$123,690 06

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 2nd June, 1902, and the sums invested, with rates of interest.

All the debentures are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping.

**Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.**

BALANCE SHEET, May 31st, 1902.

Debentures—

Brockville Debentures, face value.....at 4 per cent.	\$3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value.....at 6 per cent.	7,000 00
Canada Central Loan & Savings Co....at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation .....at 4 per cent.	10,000 00
Can. Permanent Loan & Savings Co....at 4 per cent.	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co.....at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co.....at 4 per cent.	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.....at 4 per cent.	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co....at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
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	\$85,000 00

Current Account—

Balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	17,912 94
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	\$102,912 94

We hereby certify that the Debentures named and set forth in the Balance Sheet are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping, and that the above-mentioned balance, \$17,912.94, was at the credit of the Current Account of the Grand Lodge at the close of business on the second day of June, 1902.

(Signed), D. R. DEWAR, *Cashier.*
HUGH POLSON *Accountant.*

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

1901-1902.

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June 1901.	August 1901
30 Wid. of S. Latimer .. \$20 00	31 Wid. Ben. J. Eckert.. 30 00
30 Wid. of S. Latimer .. 20 00	31 " James Parker .. 20 00
July	31 " John Hodgson.. 20 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson .. 37 50	31 Richard T. Smith.... 25 00
31 Mrs. T. D. Harrington 37 50	31 Wid. Lionel Yorke.. 20 00
31 Orp. of J. H. Bothwell 10 00	31 " Gavin McFarlane 20 00
31 Orp. of J. H. Bothwell 10 00	31 " John Abbott 20 00
31 Miss Mary H. Harris. 13 75	31 Dau. of Stephen Smith 20 00
31 Miss Mary Wilson ... 75 00	31 Wid. Henry Hammill 15 00
August	31 " Geo. L. Porter .. 10 00
31 Widow of Wm. Sharpe 10 00	31 " Wm. Mills 10 00
31 Frank P. Gassion .. 50 00	31 " Wm. Ingleland... 10 00
31 Daughter of A. Blott. 10 00	31 " M. F. Haney ... 15 00
31 Widow of John Williams 10 00	31 " Richard Phillips 15 00
31 Dau. of Thos. Lock- erby 20 00	31 " W. C. Stewart .. 15 00
31 Wid. of Robt. Hassard 25 00	31 " J. W. L. Smith. 15 00
31 Arch. Couper..... 25 00	31 " Robert Gibson.. 10 00
31 John Scott 50 00	31 " Jas. Middleton 10 00
31 Wid. of Eras. Kester. 10 00	31 " Wm. B. Wallace 10 00
31 Wid. of Jos. Metherall 10 00	31 " Jas. McKillichan 10 00
31 Dau. of Wm Kerr ... 10 00	31 David McNab 25 00
31 Wid. John A. McInnes 10 00	31 Wid. Edw. K. Bowen. 15 00
31 Wid. Alfred Wilson .. 15 00	31 " W. J. Smith ... 15 00
31 Wid. Thos. Frazer... 15 00	31 " Arthur Jeffery 15 00
31 John L. Dixon... 25 00	31 " Wm. M. Hunter 40 00
31 Wid. of John Mauder. 20 00	31 " Horatio Canning 20 00
31 " John Vessy .. 20 00	31 " Henry Hall 10 00
31 " J. W. McDon'ld 20 00	31 " Peter Grant.... 20 00
31 " John Jackson. 20 00	31 Alex. Findlay 50 00
31 Joseph Chandler ... 15 00	31 Orp. of John K. Steele 20 00
31 Wife of S. M. Davis .. 20 00	31 Wid. Robt. A. Kirby . 10 00
31 Wid. of Alex. B. Paul. 20 00	31 " J. S. Baker .. 10 00
31 " J. T. Gurnett. 20 00	31 " Wm. Marriott .. 10 00
31 " Wm. Jolley 20 00	31 " Robert Gibson.. 10 00
31 " J. McGibbony 20 00	31 " Alex. Miller 20 00
31 Fred. Mudge .. 50 00	31 Philander Meyers ... 50 00
31 Thos. B. Wood 50 00	31 Wid. T. McC. Lawr'ce 10 00
31 Wid. Geo. W. Shields 15 00	31 " Henry Liersch.. 10 00
31 " And. Kelloch... 25 00	31 " John Wills. 20 00
31 J. Findlay..... 25 00	31 " James Allen ... 10 00
31 Wid. D. L. Corning . 10 00	31 " T. Richardson . 10 00
31 John A. Scott 25 00	31 " Wm. H. Ponton. 15 00
31 G. C. Moorehouse .. 10 00	31 " W. F. Southcote 15 00
31 Wid. Wm. Whilters.. 10 00	31 " Chas. Allen .. 10 00
31 " Thos. Stetherm. 10 00	31 " McKee Conhlin. 40 00
	31 " James Simpson. 20 00
	31 Wife Fred. Devereux. 25 00

August 1901.

31	Donald Urquhart	25 00
31	Wid. Hugh Hinds	20 00
31	" James Fulton	10 00
31	Jas. A. Sloan	25 00
31	Orph. of Sam. Phoenix	15 00
31	Mother of John B. Cumming	40 00
31	Wid. of A. E. Baker	20 00
31	" Geo. Christie	15 00
31	Geo. W. Baillie	15 00
31	Sister J. McPherson	10 00
31	Wid. John Villiers	20 00
31	" Chas. Maine	20 00
31	" F. D. Dalcom	20 00
31	" Stephen A. Townsend	20 00
31	Wid. Walter P. Kingsland	20 00
31	Wid. Thos. A. Agar	40 00
31	Jas. Bowman	50 00
31	Sister of Wm. Corrigan	25 00
31	Wid. of Jas. Boyle	15 00
31	W. W. Cameron	55 00
31	Wid. Jno. E. Edwards	10 00
31	Wife Arch. Kennedy	20 00
31	Wid. James Woodrow	10 00
31	Richard C. Wright	25 00
31	Joseph Blackburn	50 00
31	Wid. Robt. White	20 00
31	" Thos. A. Watson	10 00
31	" Francis Brown	10 00
31	" John Evans	10 00
31	Robt. Campbell	50 00
31	Wid. of K. G. Harrison	15 00
31	William Hawthorne	50 00
31	John C. Williams	25 00
31	Wid. of John Cockburn	25 00
31	" Jacob LeClear	10 00
31	" Jos. Douglas	25 00
31	" John T. Jones	25 00
31	" W. H. Karn	15 00
31	" W. H. Holenwood	20 00
31	Wid. Thos. Blackburn	10 00
31	" Geo. B. Gray	15 00
31	H. Green	50 00
31	Wid. Robt. A. Page	15 00
31	" M. C. Brown	20 00
31	" Lucius G. Jolley	10 00
31	" Hy. Etherington	40 00
31	Geo. W. Rose	50 00
31	Wid. R. Carey	15 00
31	" Alex. J. Short	20 00
31	" C. G. A. Black	10 00
31	" S. McCullough	10 00

August 1901.

31	Wid. Hugh Rankin	20 00
31	Orp. Robt. J. Fidler	25 00
31	Wid. John Hicks	20 00
31	" Peter Patterson	10 00
31	James Heming	50 00
31	Wid. Thos. G. Shaw	10 00
31	Walter Hume	25 00
31	Wid. John Weir	10 00
31	" Wm. Bordison	20 00
31	" John Vaux	20 00
31	" David Gardner	10 00
31	Peter Brown	50 00
31	" Dan. John Dean	25 00
31	Wid. Chas. Bennett	15 00
31	" Jas. Bogart	10 00
31	" Edmont Hill	20 00
31	" John Rone	20 00
31	Wm. Rainbough	50 00
31	Wid. David Robertson	10 00
31	John Chasely	25 00
31	Richard. H. Wright	20 00

September

30	Wid. Josiah Blanchard	20 00
30	" John Sutherland	10 00
30	William Perry	20 00
30	Mother and Child of S. M. Dockstader	20 00
30	Wid. Elbert Cherry	10 00
30	" John Muuro	10 00
30	" Anthony Davey	10 00
30	A. T. Coulter	50 00
30	Wid. Thos. H. Stute	20 00
30	Alfred Scott	25 00
30	Wid. Edward Evans	20 00
30	" Andrew Milne	15 00
30	" And. Crawford	20 00
30	" David Small	20 00
30	John Kennedy	10 00
30	Wid. Jos Carswell	20 00
30	" George Goslie	5 00
30	" Chas. Graham	15 00
30	" Chas. Wilmott	15 00
30	" T. W. Harrison	10 00
30	" L. W. Whitney	20 00
30	Alex. Bain	20 00
30	Sister Thos. H. Sutter	15 00
30	Wid. Thos. B. Longley	10 00
30	" Hugh McNamee	20 00
30	Hugh Hanlin	25 00
30	Wid. John Forrest	20 00
30	Mother T. A. Thomson	20 00
30	Wid. Geo. Walker	10 00
30	Wid. Sam'l Stevenson	10 00
30	Jacob Windover	25 00
30	Wid. John Harvey	10 00

September 1901.

30	Wid. David S. Anderson	15 00
30	Wid. T. E. McDougall	15 00
30	" Thos. Reid	10 00
30	" Leslie Wright	15 00
30	" Geo. M. Brown	20 00
30	" Wm. McCargow	10 00
30	" Elisha Saunders	15 00
30	James W. Crate	25 00
30	Theo. Dass	50 00
30	Dan. Wm. Wilkinson	20 00
30	Wm. Horner	50 00
30	Wid. John Holman	15 00
30	Sam. C. Dinsmore	50 00
30	Andrew Mowat	50 00
30	Wid. Wm. Tripp	15 00
30	" W. B. Simpson	25 00
30	" S. H. Blondheim	20 00
30	" W. J. Arnd	20 00
30	Dau. John Jenkins	10 00
30	Wid. James Allen	10 00
30	" Jacob. Hartman	15 00
30	" Thos. Brock	10 00
30	G. A. F. Charwood	25 00
30	Wid. Robt. C. Carter	15 00
30	" C. D. McDonald	15 00
30	James Richmond	25 00
30	Wid. Peter R. Davey	10 00

October

31	Wm. R. McLun	25 00
31	Wid. Rich. Radcliffe	15 00
31	" Peter Campbell	20 00
31	Mary H. Harris	18 75
31	Mrs. T. D. Harrington	37 50
31	Mrs. W. M. Wilson	37 50
31	Wm. Burke	40 00
31	Wid. Joseph Osborne	20 00
31	" Jos. L. Holmes	15 00
31	" H. L. Higner	20 00
31	" W. C. Cliffe	50 00
31	Robert Mitchell	50 00
31	Wid. Jos. Middleton	10 00
31	" Hy. Richardson	10 00
31	Edward Green	50 00
31	Robert N. Brett	25 00
31	Wid. F. Ethrington	40 00
31	" John Polly	20 00
31	" W. H. Street	10 00
31	" Oliver Young	20 00
31	Willett E. Sills	50 00
31	Richard S. Lusty	25 00
1	Wid. Matthew G. Vau-	
	verwort	10 00
31	Wid. Geo. Collins	10 00

October 1901.

31	" August B. de	
	Pendry	40 00
31	Joseph Cook	25 00
31	Wid. A. Goldsmith	10 00
31	" Alex. McIntyre	10 00
31	Mary Wilson	75 00
31	Wid. Thos. N. Clegg	25 00
31	" Wm. E. Storey	20 00
31	" Levy Neil	10 00
31	J. G. Wilson	50 00
31	Wid. A. L. Randle	15 00
31	John Swisher	25 00
31	Wid. Robt. Corrie	25 00
31	Child Wm. Crozier	15 00
31	Wid. Geo. Gallagher	10 00
31	" J. E. Jorgenson	10 00
31	" Jno. J. Dingman	15 00
31	" N. D. Fraser	20 00
31	Gustave Witte	20 00
31	George Scott	40 00
31	Wid. A. Bowman	20 00
31	Richard S. Lusty	25 00
31	Wid. James Young	10 00
31	" R. A. Montgom-	
	ery	10 00
31	Wid. W. H. Holmwood	20 00
31	Chas. Scarborough	25 00
31	Wid. Ronald Campbell	15 00
31	Dau. Angus A. Ross	20 00
31	Wid. Thos. Elliott	10 00

December

31	Sam'l Acton	15 00
31	H. A. Wetherell	25 00
31	Wm. G. Johnston	10 00
31	Orp. Mathers Nesbitt	20 00
31	Wid. Wm. Scarliffe	10 00
31	" Jas. L. Young	10 00
31	" C. W. McDonald	20 00
31	" Wm. Sweeney	10 00
31	Mrs. T. D. Harrington	37 50

January 1902.

31	Mary Wilson	75 00
31	Mary H. Harris	13 75
31	Mrs. W. M. Wilson	37 50
31	John Mills	50 00
31	Wid. John Villiers	20 00
31	Geo. W. Rose	50 00
31	Sister of T. H. Butler	15 00
31	Wid. Arthur Wood-	
	house	10 00
31	Wid. James. Miller	15 00
31	" Ge. M. Brown	20 00
31	" Henry Hammill	15 00
31	John Scott	50 00
31	Frank P. Gassion	50 00

January 1902.

31	Wid. Erastus Kester.	10 00
31	Wid. John Hicks.....	20 00
31	John L. Dixon	25 00
31	Wid. M. F. Haney....	15 00
31	Dan. J. A. Stott	10 00
31	Wid. Chas. Graham .	15 00
31	" Hugh Rankin ..	20 00
31	Donald Urquhart	25 00
31	Wid. Chas. W. Wilmott	15 00
31	" Geo. Cockburn .	20 00
31	" Thos. Reid .	10 00
31	" Alfred Wilson..	15 00
31	" Jno. E. Edwards	10 00
31	" Richard Phillips	15 00
31	Mother of S. M. Dock-	
	stader.....	20 00
31	Wid. Robt. M. Brett .	25 00
31	" R. Carey	15 00
31	" Edward Evans .	20 00
31	" Lewis M. Whit-	
	ney.....	20 00
31	John A. Scott.....	25 00
31	Wid. W. D. Ponton ...	15 00
31	" H. D. Fraser....	20 00
31	" Stephen A. Town-	
	send	20 00
31	Wid. Wm. Whittiers .	10 00

February

28	Wid. A. E. Baker....	20 00
28	" Angus B. de	
	Pendry.....	40 00
28	Wid. Ed. K. Bowen..	15 00
28	Wife Robt. Hassard..	25 00
28	W. A. McLin.....	25 00
28	James Heming	50 00
28	Wid. John Harvey...	10 00
28	John Swisher.....	25 00
28	Wid. Wm. Marriott..	10 00
28	Chas. Scarborough .	25 00
28	Wid. Peter Campbell.	20 00
28	" Jos. Blanchard .	20 00
28	" R. C. Carter ...	15 00
28	" Wm. G. Strong.	20 00
28	Dan. Wm. Kerr.....	10 00
28	Wid. Wm. Miller....	10 00
28	" W. H. Karn....	15 00
28	" W. J. Smith....	15 00
28	" Rich. H. Wright	20 00
28	" A. L. Rundle....	15 00
28	" J. R. L. Smith..	15 00
28	" Geo. N. Shields.	15 00
28	" D. S. Anderson.	15 00
28	" And. Crawford..	20 00
28	Dau. Angus A. Ross..	20 00
28	Wm. M. Hunter	40 00

February 1902.

28	" Wm. Fingland..	10 00
28	" F. G. Balcom...	20 00
28	" David Ross	10 00
28	Fredk. Mudge	50 00
28	Wid. Ben. J. Eckert..	20 00
28	" S. McCullough .	10 00
28	Dau. John Jenkins .	10 00
28	Wid. Thos. G. Shaw .	10 00
28	" A. Bowman....	20 00
28	" T. Richardson..	10 00
28	" Jas. C. Bogart .	10 00
28	" Chas. Allems....	10 00
28	" Hugh Hinds ...	20 00
28	" J. Sutherland ..	10 00
28	" Thos. Fraser ...	15 00
28	Sister of Wm. Corrigal	25 00
28	Wid. James Parker ..	20 00
28	" Thos. B. Longley	10 00
28	" R. D. Meyers...	15 00
28	" R. D. Meyers...	15 00
28	Walter Hume	25 00
28	Wid. John A. McInnes	10 00
28	" Elbert Cheny...	10 00
28	" Henry Hall.....	10 00
28	Alex. Findlay.....	50 00
28	Wid. Wm. Brodison..	20 00
28	" Jos. Metherell..	10 00
28	Philander Meyers ...	50 00
28	Hugh Hanlin	25 00
28	Thos. R. Wood	50 00
28	Wid. John Munro....	10 00
28	" Henry Elkington	40 00
28	" Robt. White ...	20 00
28	G. A. F. Charlwood ..	25 00
28	Wid. John Jackson ..	20 00
28	Wife of F. Devereux..	25 00
28	Wid. Peter Paterson .	10 00
28	" And. Kellock ..	25 00
28	" Allan J. Short..	20 00
28	" Wm. McCargow	10 00
28	" James Woodron.	10 00
28	" Wm. F. South-	
	cott.....	15 00
28	Wid. Geo. L. Porter	10 00
28	" Thos. McC. Law-	
	rence	10 00
28	Arch. Cowper.....	25 00
28	Wid. Anthony Davey	10 00
28	" W. J. Arneil ...	20 00
28	" Robert Corrie ..	25 00
28	" Lucien G. Joliffe	10 00
28	Rich. T. Smith.....	25 00
28	Wid. Hugh McNamee	20 00
28	" W. C. Stuart..	15 00
28	" John Rome....	20 00

February 1902.

28	Wid. Leslie Wright .	15 00
28	" C. D. McDonald	15 00
28	" W. P. Kingsland	20 00
28	" John Williams.	10 00
28	" T. Blackburn.	10 00
28	" Geo. Collins.	10 00
28	Mother E. C. Moore- house	10 00
28	Wid. John T. Jones.	25 00
28	W. W. Cameron.	50 00
28	Wid. T. W. Harrissn	10 00
28	" Arthur Jeffry.	15 00
28	" Jacob McClear.	10 00
28	" Wm. Sharp....	10 00
18	" David Ross....	10 00
28	John C. Williams ...	25 00
28	Wid. Jno. C. Holman	15 00
28	" Chas. Bennett.	15 00
28	" T. B. Stethern.	10 00
28	" Oliver Young.	20 00
28	" Hy. Richardson	10 00
28	" Jos. Carrach ..	20 00
28	Orp. Matthew Nesbit	20 00
28	Wid. J. S. Baker....	10 00
28	" David Gardner.	10 00
28	James Riehmnd. .	25 00
28	Wid. Francis Brown.	10 00
28	Jacob Winderer ...	25 00
28	Wid. Andrew Milne..	15 00
28	" John Mander..	20 00
28	" Geo. Gallagher	10 00
28	" Jas. Boyle.....	15 00
28	John Findlay	25 00
28	Wid. Alex. McIntyre	10 00
28	" Geo. Walker... 10 00	
28	" James Allen ... 10 00	
28	" R. E. Harrison.	15 00
28	" Thos. H. Stute	20 00
28	" John Kennedy.	10 00
28	" James Filton..	10 00
28	" Edment Hill ..	20 00
28	" David McNab .	25 00
28	Mother T. A. Thom- son.....	20 00
28	Wm. Campbell.....	50 00
28	Wid. J. W. McDonald	20 00
28	" C. W. Macdonald	20 00
28	Wm. Hawthorne	50 00
28	Wid. John Vaux....	20 00
28	" John Hodgson.	20 00
28	" William Perry .	20 00
28	" Wm. B. Wallace	10 00
28	" Thos. McClegg	25 00
28	" John Weir	10 00

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28	John Chasley.....	25 00
28	Wid. Geo. Christie ..	15 00
28	Wife of Arch. Ken- nedy	20 00
28	Wid. Jas. Allen....	10 00
28	Orp. John R. Steele.	20 00
28	" Horatio Canning	20 00
28	Jas. Bowman	50 00
28	Wid. C. E. D. Black.	10 00
28	Wid. Thos. H. Watson	10 00
28	Wife of S. M. Davis.	20 00
28	Wid. J. G. Jorgenson	10 00
28	Wid. Jas. McKillican	10 00
28	" Henry Lursch .	10 00
29	" Gavin S. Mac- farlane.....	20 00
28	Wid. T. E. McDougal	15 00
28	" Alex. Miller ...	20 00
28	" John T. Gurnett	20 00
28	" John Wills....	20 00
27	" S. Steventon ..	10 00
28	" David Small...	20 00
28	Joseph Blackburn...	50 00
28	Wid. Jas. Young....	10 00
28	Mother John B. Cum- mings	40 00
28	Gustave Witte	20 00
28	Wid. Jas. L. Young .	10 00
28	" John Abbott ..	20 00
28	" M. C. Brown ..	20 00
28	" Thos. Vasey...	20 00
28	Robt. A. Page	15 00
28	Jas. A. Sloan.....	25 00
28	Wid. E. Saunders...	15 00
28	" Robt. A. Kirby.	10 00
28	Dau. W. Wilkinson..	20 00
28	Thos. Parkman.....	40 00
28	Geo. McLaren.....	25 00
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28	Wid. J. Chantter ..	15 00
28	" Lionel Yorke..	20 00
28	Norman Kelsey	40 00
28	Jas. W. Crate.....	25 00
28	Wid. Jos. Osborne ..	20 00
28	" Thos. S. Agaa ..	40 00
28	James Dass	50 00
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31	Child of Wm. Crozier	15 00
31	Dau. Thos. Lockerty.	20 00
31	Wid. Wm. Sweeney .	20 00
31	" Alex. R. Paul..	20 00
31	" D. L. Cousins..	10 00
31	" Peter R. Savey.	10 00
31	" Geo. B. Gray..	15 00

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31 Sister J. McPherson. 10 00	31 Wid. Samuel Acton. 15 00
31 Wid. Wm. Tripp.... 15 00	31 Dau. John Dean 25 00
31 " Robt. R. Montgomery 10 00	31 Alexander Bain..... 25 00
31 " Wm. Jolley.... 20 00	31 Wid. D. Robertson.. 10 00
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31 " John Polley... 20 00	30 Dau. Stephen Smith. 20 00
31 H. A. Wetherell 25 00	30 Mrs. W. M. Wilson.. 37 50
31 Wid. Wm. Pickover. 40 00	30 " T. D. Harrington 37 50
31 " G. H. Saillir... 15 00	30 Wid. John Gostie... 5 00
31 " R. Radcliffe... 15 00	30 " John Evans... 10 00
31 Wilmett E. Sills 50 00	30 Family of James Le Roy Smith..... 40 00
32 Wid. W. H. Street.. 10 00	30 Mary Wilson..... 75 00
31 " Jas. J. Dingman 15 00	30 Wid. Matthew G. Vanderbilt..... 10 00
31 " W. Searchcliffe 10 00	30 Edward Green 50 00
31 Orp. Sam'l Phoenix.. 15 00	30 Wid. Jos. Holmes... 15 00
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31 Wid. Chas. Bennett. 20 00	31 Wid. Jas. Miller 15 00
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31 " W. B. Simpson 25 00	
31 Alfred Scott 25 00	
31 Wid. A. Wodehouse. 10 00	Total.....\$11,565 00

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present my report for Erie District No. 1.

Conforming to the suggestion of the Board, will observe brevity, avoid entering too closely into details and individual moves, omitting weather, mileage, banquets, etc., each more or less interesting. In the Lodge room, however, I went thoroughly into and minutely criticised each degree, personally exemplifying or illustrating the several parts criticised, holding aloft the standard of perfection as the ideal for Erie District. I am pleased to report keen interest on the part of Past Masters generally; their efforts are greatly appreciated. The tenets and principles of true Masonry were kept well forward. I emphasized the great necessity of living our Masonry.

Perhaps our greatest efforts were centered (1) in promoting harmony and good fellowship, (2) perfecting the work, (3) encouraging interchange of visits and work, (4) care of weaker lodges and question of arrearages. To this end we arranged a systematic program covering the year, which included Lodge of Instruction, or interchange work for each Lodge in the district. Lodges were advised well in advance and work requested, they in turn inviting nearby Lodges, resulting in many visitors being present and work on the board at each meeting.

I found it necessary to issue fifteen circulars, in addition to ordinary correspondence, and kept in close touch with each Lodge through the secretary. All communications received my prompt attention.

For the eight months of visiting, including regulars, lodges of instruction, dedications, etc., the total was 66,

none receiving less than two visits. I held four general Lodges of Instruction, namely, at Chatham in October, Windsor in December, Bothwell in January, Tilbury in February. I arranged with R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders, D.D.G.M. St. Clair District No. 2, for exchange of work. I provided a staff (W. Bro. F. P. Gavin and officers of Windsor Lodge) for third degree for Lodge of Instruction, Sarnia, St. Clair District, while the third degree at our Lodge of Instruction, Windsor, was taken by W. Bro. Dr. Martyn and staff of Alvinston, under R. W. Bro. Saunders. This arrangement proved eminently satisfactory and profitable, and was heartily endorsed by the R. W. the Acting Grand Master and others. I recommend the scheme to succeeding District Deputies. The interchange of work in the Erie District, as herein stated, resulted in the best meetings I have ever attended. May they be continued. To promote uniformity and to minimize criticism, I reviewed the work of each Lodge scheduled for Lodges of Instruction prior to the meeting proper.

I thoroughly appreciate the kindness shown me throughout the District, also the assistance of the brethren, Masters, Past Masters and R. W. brethren. To many of the latter I am especially indebted; R. W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Jamieson, my eminent predecessor, has cheerfully responded to every call; also R. W. Bros, W. R. Hickey, A. H. Vongunten, W. R. Hillier, M.D., Dr. Allworth, A. B. Munson and J. S. Dewar, of London, W. J. French, and others.

Bro. the Rev. J. J. Noble, District Chaplain, accompanied me on the following visits, namely, at Chatham, Sarnia, Windsor, Wheatley, Glencoe, Thamesville, Tilbury and Wallaceburg. He is every inch a Mason.

I am greatly indebted to R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Acting Grand Master, for valuable assistance, and the interest manifested in my work and district, by promptly answering all communications. In return I reported all items of importance promptly and regularly, and had the honor of slight'y assisting him at London and Peterboro dedications. Our Lodges of Instruction at Windsor and Tilbury were honored by his presence. God bless our Grand Master.

On Sunday, June 22nd, we arranged four central gatherings for divine service at Windsor, Leamington, Bothwell and Chatham, subsequently adding Dresden and Wallaceburg. Practically the brethren of the whole district assembled, clothed as Masons, as an expression of loyalty to King Edward.

The Grim Reaper has not been idle. We deeply mourn the sudden removal of our beloved late Grand Master. May his oft-repeated injunction to the craft, "Live your Masonry," be an especial guide to our conduct through life.

The Hammond Lodge and our district have lost a true and faithful brother in R. W. Bro. Dr. McKillop, who passed to the Grand Lodge above, April 6th, 1902. The following have also been summoned: W. Bro. Wm. Young, Bro. Carlisle, Chatham; Bro. S. C. Davis, Wallaceburg; Bros. R. Pursee, J. W. Carmichael, H. E. Ellis, Windsor; Bro. Bell, Highgate; Bro. D. E. Pickard, Thamesville.

I beg to suggest that the present method of instructing D.D.G.M.'s-elect might be improved. The authoritative and well beloved instructor, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, is all right, but I offer the following suggestion as an improvement in the system: As every D.D.G.M. and P.D.D.G.M. knows, we are constantly meeting the charge, viz., "That you D.D.G.M.'s rule differently from year to year," and although one officer may be correct, how is the Lodge or Lodges to know who is who? I believe that many of the aspirants being out of harness for years are "rusty," and perhaps not in a position to get down to fine points in the hour given to instructing immediately after election. Indeed, do some not miss the instruction altogether. Their rulings are pitted against those who perhaps have left nothing undone to perfect themselves. Why not call new District Deputies together about September 1st, say at Toronto, and under M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, go through the more important parts of the work, spending at least half a day instead of an hour in a hot stuffy room as at present, with the rust cleared away. All are in a position and have ample time to seek instruction from the highest authority, and thus promote uniformity and silence the present criticism; expenses to be borne by Grand

Lodge. I am entirely in favor of the Lodges electing in June. I consider lunch preferable to a banquet, for several reasons; it is certainly more conducive to Lodges of Instruction and interchange work.

Lunch—An hour's chat, visiting brethren reach home at a seasonable hour, pleasant memories of the visit, the cause strengthened, expense to Lodge practically nil.

Banquet—Keeps the brethren around the board until 2 or 3 a.m., and taste for visiting is either killed or seriously injured, heavy caterer's account to digest.

The lunch which I have insisted upon in preference to the banquet has proved very successful and satisfactory during the past year. May it become a permanent feature throughout the District.

By command of the late M. W. Grand Master I constituted Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley, September 21st, assisted by R. W. Bros. T. C. MacNabb, Dr. W. R. Hillier, Rev. Dr. W. H. Jamieson, W. Bros. Rev. J. J. Noble, District Chaplain; W. J. French, V. W. Bro. McKay, and masters, past masters and brethren from surrounding Lodges. At this meeting I presented R. W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Jamieson with a P.D.D. G.M.'s regalia; a handsome regalia to a handsome man. R. W. Bro. Jamieson has taken great interest in the work of the District, accepting cheerfully and promptly each duty assigned him. His presence and assistance were valuable at Tilbury and Chatham Lodges of Instruction, at Rodney and Blehneim, and also at Wheatley and Glencoe dedications.

By command of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, I dedicated the new Lodge room at Glencoe, May 27th, assisted by R. W. Bros. T. C. MacNabb, Rev. W. H. Jamieson, A. B. Munson, W. Bros. Rev. J. J. Noble, W. J. French, and other Masters and Past Masters. Thanks to the care and interest of the several officers these ceremonies were correctly and impressively performed. The new home of Lorne Lodge is creditable to the brethren and the District. I was pleased to see the ladies present at the elegant banquet provided.

The requisite number of brethren having made application in constitutional form, I arranged a meeting at Berlin on February 5th, and reported result to the R. W. the Acting Grand Master.

I have made a special effort to arrange for uniformity in the installation of a W. M.

My visits were as follows:

Pynx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: Visited September 23 and Oct. 1. Attendance fair, Opening sharp on time. Books well kept. At present decided improvement in team work, which was quite rusty. September 23, work second degree. Being scheduled for Lodge of Instruction we spent a couple of hours with second degree work—a rehearsal much needed—also touching on points in first and third. W. Bro. Peter Crawford is an able Master, and the J. W. and J. D. are promising officers. Cautioned officers against accepting instruction from any but W. M.'s. A tendency existed to maintain parts of older form work. Oct. 1.—This evening was also devoted to second degree work. A profitable time was spent reviewing this degree. At Lodge of Instruction, October 29, with the exception of Inner Guard work, the degree was creditable to the officers. W. Bro. Quinzel, the new W. M., and ably supported, is leaving nothing undone to place No. 312 in the front rank. They have taken an active part in interchange meetings, working the first degree at Dresden almost perfectly. I can therefore report very favorably on Pynx Lodge.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: Visited September 24 and April 21. Attendance good; many visitors. Opening slow. Books well kept. Harmony prevails. Examination for advancement thorough. Present quality of team work first-class. September 24.—Considering that the Lodge had but recently resumed labor after summer call-off, the work (first degree) was well done. Honestly criticised. Parts of the three degrees reviewed. Questions answered. W. Bro. Huston and staff are very enthusiastic and among the best in the district. April 21.—The second degree was about perfect, showing a decided improvement over former work. Thistle Lodge is decidedly all right and is laying plans for a new temple. In interchange series the Amherstburg brethren, 25 strong, visited Essex and worked the first degree to perfection.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence: Visited September 26 and May 22. Average attendance fair for

small membership. Books well kept. Harmony prevails. Finances in good shape. Examinations an example to larger Lodges. Present work quite satisfactory. September 26—M. W. Bro. Dr. Rennie in the chair. One candidate passed. We reviewed parts of the three degrees, spending an altogether enjoyable evening. Rehearsals suggested and second visit promised. May 22—One candidate was passed. It was very evident from the excellent manner in which each officer performed his part that practice had not been neglected. At Thamesville Florence Lodge initiated a candidate in a very correct and impressive manner. Though few in numbers, love for the craft is evident, and No. 390 will give a good account of itself.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: Visited September 27 and April 21. Enthusiasm and harmony. Good average attendance. Many Visitors. Books well kept. Good shape financially. Beautiful Lodge room. Present quality team work very creditable. September 27—W.M. W. Bro. Moffatt, assisted by W. Bro. Dr. Anderson. One candidate was raised. The work was not as well done as on subsequent visit. Fairly criticised. Parts reviewed, also parts of first and third. Profitable discussion followed. April 18—The second degree. See interchange. The work, as well as the degree worked at Leamington by W. Bro. Moffatt and staff was a decided improvement. Practice counts. Parvaim Lodge is one of the best, and its officers and members are most enthusiastic. R. W. Geo. Tait, of Toronto, delivered charge in third most beautifully, and subsequently gave an interesting address.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: Visited October 10, October 17, December 26 and April 10. Average attendance good. Attendance of officers good. Finances and prospects good. Opening fairly prompt. Examination of candidates for advancement thorough. No fault to find with Secretary. Frequent rehearsing has brought present quality of team work about perfect. October 10—W. Bro. Dr. J. I. Wiley is a most efficient and painstaking officer in the East and is well supported, although S. W. and S. D. were absent on this occasion. J. W. and I. G. both young, though very promising officers. Points discussed. Information given, the Lodge

being responsible for the first degree at Lodge of Instruction. The work of the first degree was closely criticised and a very profitable evening spent in rehearsal. October 19—Our labor of this evening consisted of thoroughly reviewing and rehearsing the first degree. Observe the results of frequent and thorough practice. First visit, 15 errors and suggestions in first degree. Same degree by this Lodge at Lodge of Instruction simply perfect. December 26—W. M. W. Bro. Wiley in his best form. One candidate was initiated. Work almost beyond criticism. April 10—Sublime degree impressively rendered, and beyond criticism. Points and parts discussed. Questions answered. Sydenham Lodge, under one of the best Masters in the district, is in the front rank.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: Visited October 7 and 23, February 3, divine service January 5. Lodge well officered; indeed, second to none in the district. Attendance large. Many visitors. Opens regularly on the minute. Harmony, enthusiasm and good fellowship. Finances good. Abundance of work. Examination of candidates for advancement thorough. Books neat and well kept. Present quality of team work entirely satisfactory, about perfect. R. W. Bro. MacNabb never misses a meeting. October 7—Visited for purpose of reviewing third degree prior to Lodge of Instruction. A couple of hours spent with this degree; work minutely criticised; Deacon's work superb. October 23—Again spent the evening with the brethren rehearsing the third degree, ambition being to attain to perfect work at Lodge of Instruction. The degree was beautifully worked by W. Bro. W. T. Campbell and staff. Indeed, it was above criticism. Moral: Rehearse. February 3—Attendance large. Lodge opened sharp at 8 p.m., I.P.M. Campbell in the chair, W. M.-elect J. S. Black having removed to Toronto. The work of the first degree was worked to my satisfaction. A few points reviewed and parts exemplified, and suggestions made, which were well received. At this meeting seven applications passed the ballot, needless to say, of the best material. W. Bro. J. S. Black, the present W.M., has again returned to Chatham, resumed the gavel, and directing the affairs of Wellington Lodge.

January 5—Had the pleasure of attending divine service with the Chatham brethren Sunday, January 5. Rev. Bro. Knowles preached a very able sermon, which was duly acknowledged. Wellington Lodge is one of the best in the district. Officers anxious to attain and maintain perfect work, and prospects brilliant. The Secretary is a gem.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe: Visited October 24, May 27, April 24. Attendance very large. Members full of enthusiasm and interest. Opening prompt. Books well kept. Newly dedicated Lodge room. Present quality of team work especially good. Prospects very good. Examination of candidates for advancement thorough. October 24—Met at station by W. Bro. Huston, the W.M.; kindest attention. The work of the evening consisted of third degree, I.P.M. W. Bro. W. J. French in the East. The effort of the W. M. was most pleasing and exceptionally impressive. The degree, however, was marred by unnecessary noise on the floor of the Lodge. The Deacon's work indicated frequent practice. With practice and attention to detail Lorne Lodge will present perfect work. Errors pointed out and reviewed, as well as parts of the first and second degrees, and many points of interest. Dedicated the new Lodge room. The brethren are to be congratulated in providing such a neat up-to-date Lodge room. Lorne Lodge is all right; members most enthusiastic.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: Visited October 16, May 16. Opening fairly prompt. Good attendance, interest and harmony. Books well kept. Examinations thorough. Present team work fair; more rehearsing necessary. October 26—Lodge room crowded; visitors from five or six Lodges. Work, second degree. W. M. W. Bro. Foster in the chair. Rehearsals neglected, hence rust in the work. W.M. is a good officer, and if rehearsals are taken up better work will be forthcoming. Promised second visit and was promised better work. Parts reviewed and discussion on the several degrees. A very enjoyable and profitable evening was spent. May 16—Interchange. Third degree well done, candidate and Lodge complimented on passing such a thorough examination. The

brethren of No. 336 are thorough Masons, and enjoy the social side of Masonry and practice benevolence.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: Visited November 6, January 15, February 12, April 2. Attendance and interest good; many visitors. Finances and books O.K. Considerable work. This Lodge has made splendid and needed advancement during the year, and at present is in better shape than for some years past. The team work at present could not be other than favorable. I have seen this Lodge work six times during the past year, including Lodges of Instruction. Candidates for advancement are well posted. R. W. Bro. T. C. MacNabb never misses a meeting. November 6—Work, first degree; was fairly well done by W. Bro. Irving and staff. Honestly criticised, parts of the several degrees reviewed. Criticism and information offered. Rehearsals suggested, and perfect work promised for future visit. January 15—Three candidates were passed to the second degree in a very creditable manner. Parts criticised, questions answered, each officer thoroughly interested. February 12—Spent the evening with this Lodge reviewing the second degree, preparing for Lodge of Instruction, Tilbury. A very profitable evening spent. April 2—Interchange. Third degree admirably rendered. Parthenon Lodge is making pleasing progress; prospects bright.

Naphthali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury: Visited November 19, February 5, February 18. Good attendance. Deep interest. Open prompt. Books well kept. Finances not the best, but we trust that present arrangements will result in an even balance 'ere Grand Lodge meets. The Lodge room is one of the prettiest west of London. November 19—The first degree by W.M. W. Bro. Stenenson, honestly criticised, parts reviewed, also parts of second and third. Profitable evening spent. Invited officers to work first degree at Lodge of Instruction, Windsor, at which the degree was about as perfect as could be. February 18—Called Lodge of Instruction, Tilbury, Feb. 18, brethren sparing no pains to make it a success, and success it was. W. Bro J. S. Richardson, the present W.M., and the brethren generally, are a live lot of Masons, not the least of whom is W. Bro. Hutton, the energetic Secretary.

Star of the East, No. 422 Bothwell: Visited November 20, January 8, January 23, June 22. Opening fairly prompt. Attendance large. Many visitors. Well officered. Commendable care given to posting brethren for advancement. Books well kept. Harmony prevails. Members enthusiastic. Financial condition and prospects good. Present quality of team work everything that could be desired. November 20—Work, first degree. The W.M., W. Bro. Geo. Johns, in the East. Was particularly pleased with the work. As the remarks of the W.M. and officers implied that they were not well versed in the science, I had anticipated poor work. Impressiveness marked the work of W. Bro. John's. Deacons particularly bright indeed. I congratulated the Lodge on having approached about as near perfection as I had seen anywhere, on the occasion of a first visit. Parts of the several degrees were taken up and rehearsed; movements explained. A very profitable evening spent. January 8—This Lodge being responsible for the work of the third at Lodge of Instruction January 23rd, I spent the evening with the brethren reviewing and criticising the third degree, perfection being our mark. January 23—Indeed, the attention to details and frequent rehearsing was very evident on this date. The third degree was worked perfectly. The brethren deserve every credit for their enthusiasm and assistance in making the Lodge of Instruction the great success that it was. I report most favorable on the condition of this Lodge. June 22—Divine service. I attended coronation services with the brethren of this Lodge on Sunday, June 22.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: Visited November 21, January 30. Deep interest and harmony. Books well kept. Opening slow. J. P. Black has been Tyler for 38 years. Present team work very fair. November 21—W.M. W. Bro. S. G. McKay is an able and painstaking officer. The first degree well done, except J. D. work, the regular J. D. being absent. Never heard J. W. lecture given with better effect. Work minutely criticised, parts exemplified, also parts of second degree. A most interesting and profitable evening. January 30—Installation and review of first degree, this Lodge being responsible for initiatory degree,

Tilbury Lodge of Instruction. All fine points well taken up and a thoroughly profitable evening spent with the first degree work. However, W. Bro. McKay and staff were unavoidably detained and missed connection for Tilbury. Hence on an hour's notice I substituted a team selected from masters and officers of the several Lodges represented. The social side is well cultivated. R. W. Bro. Dr. Allworth the same regular attendant.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: Visited November 25, May 19. Average attendance small for membership. Harmony prevails. Opening rather slow. Books well kept. Present team work satisfactory. November 25—Work, two initiations. W. Bro. J. C. Locke, an efficient master, in the chair. Impresiveness marked the work; deacons carry themselves well. Degree criticised, parts exemplified, profitable discussion. Promised better work for second visit. May 19—A very profitable hour spent in reviewing parts of the several degrees and in discussion. Am sorry to report the serious illness of the present W.M., W. Bro. George Middleditch, a popular and well-known craftsman. Consequently the interchange work arranged for Howard Lodge was not carried out. We trust that W. Bro. Middleditch may be restored to resume the gavel. W. Bro. J. C. Locke, now in charge of the Lodge, has missed but one meeting in three or four years, consequently the Lodge is in good hands. Secretary one of the best. In reporting favorably, a larger average attendance is desirable.

Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley: Visited September 23, November 27. Members interested and enthusiastic. Thorough marks each step. Candidates well schooled. Present team work very fair. Prospects for baby lodge very bright. September 23—Constituted this Lodge as recorded elsewhere. On behalf of the district I presented my esteemed immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Jamieson, with a. P. D. G. M. regalia, a handsome token of respect and appreciation to a handsome man. Long may he be spared to wear it. November 27—Opening prompt. Good turnout, many visitors. The second degree was exemplified very acceptably by W. Bro. James Reynolds, the indefatigable Master, the candidate passing a complete

examination. A profitable evening was spent in general instruction. Entrusted second degree to this young Lodge for Windsor Lodge of Instruction; result eminently satisfactory. Officers highly complimented by the Acting Grand Master and others. Prospects of No. 448 very bright.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor: Visited November 29, April 4. Splendid average attendance. Enthusiasm and harmony. Examination most thorough. Finances O. K. Secretary's work first-class. Present team work strictly first-class. November 29—W. Bro. Gavin, a thorough ritualist, no better master in Erie district, and staff accepted the responsibility for third degree at our joint Lodge of Instruction at Sarnia. We spent the evening of November 29 thoroughly reviewing this degree, to the profit and pleasure of those present. At Sarnia W. Bro. Gavin, with full complement of regular officers, barring a superfluous movement, charmingly exemplified the Sublime degree. April 4—Attendance 50. Opened sharp. The work of initiation proved. W. Bro. Robt. Revel is a worthy successor to W. Bro. Gavin. The work was beautifully done. The reputation of the Lodge is being more than sustained. W. Bro. Col. Guillott is one of the best of secretaries, and Windsor Lodge is second to none.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: Visited December 18, March 18, May 20, June 17. Average attendance fair. Tardiness in opening here. Harmony and enthusiasm. Finances fair. Secretaryship vacant; books fair. Present team work quite satisfactory. December 18—Opening slow. I.P.M. W. Bro. Pye in the East. One raising, the work of junior officers pleasing, especially Deacons. Have seen W. Bro. Pye work to better advantage. He is a busy man, a thorough Mason. Rehearsals suggested, work reviewed. Profitable evening spent. March 18—Initiation by new officers, who certainly gave a good account of themselves. Parts of the three degrees reviewed. Profitable discussion. May 20—Interchange. Half an hour lost in opening. W. Bro. T. G. Davis, father of W. M. Dr. Davis, a splendid ritualist, worked a third to perfection. June 17—Rehearsals count. First degree faultless.

Work of J. D. Bro. Kennedy perfect. Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, is all right. Should open on time.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex: Visited December 27, March 19. Average attendance good. Harmony and enthusiasm. Examinations thorough. Finances good. Present team work first-class. December 27—Large turnout, all well loaded with questions. W. Bro. Bicker and staff passed one brother. Busy season precluded practice; work nevertheless well done. Degree criticised, parts of the three degrees exemplified. Brethren accepted suggestion to fire questions, which came pouring in a-broadside. Decisions well received. I. P.M. Dr. Brian was the recipient of a Past Master's jewel. The doctor is a thorough Mason. Sixteen dollars was voted to the Hospital for Sick Children. True Masonry here. March 19—Interchange. Grand meeting; 25 from Amherstburg per special train. Central Lodge subsequently gave a beautiful exemplification of the Sublime degree at Amherstburg. Other fields to conquer. They visited Plymouth, Mich., showing the brethren there just how it is done in Canada, and later entertained the Plymouth brethren. Central Lodge is one of the best.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: Visited January 21, April 24. Keen interest and attendance. Opening fairly prompt. Model Secretary. Finances A1. Examinations thorough. Team work exceptionally good. January 21—As anticipated, found a live, up-to-date Lodge. Officers installed less than one month, yet W. Bro. Alex. McFee and staff worked the first in a very creditable style. An able and vigorous master, well supported, all ably seconded by enthusiastic past masters. Parts of the three degrees reviewed, discussion, etc. I assigned work of initiation to this Lodge for Bothwell Lodge of Instruction. The prestige and honor of McColl Lodge well sustained by brilliant result. April 24—Interchange. One of the best of the series. Attendance largest in years. Honored by fraternal visit from R. W. Bro. Dr. Fred. Guest, D. D. G. M. London district, accompanied by several Past Masters, notable among whom was W. Bro. Henry Roe. I was the recipient of an encouraging and flattering address, accompanied by an envelope, to me gratifying and

greatly appreciated. McColl Lodge is one of the best in the district. Members are filled with zeal for Masonry.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: Visited January 22, April 16. Small attendance, but interest improving. Prospects much brighter. Team work O.K. January 22—Found interest waning, except the old guard. The Lodge is in need of a revival. Arrearages disproportionate to membership and in arrears to Grand Lodge. Committees were arranged, and every effort will be made to bring delinquents to a sense of duty. No. 411 will receive my support until the Lodge is placed in a more satisfactory condition. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Jamieson, who installed officers-elect, after which the second degree was conferred. The lecture by W. Bro. Dr. Dorland was a pleasing feature. Points in the work and general condition of the Lodge discussed. I anxiously await progressive report. The officers cheerfully accepted the duty of exemplifying the second degree at Bothwell Lodge of Instruction, driving twenty miles on the cold day of February 18th to do so. Most creditably did they discharge the duty assigned them. The faithful few are deserving of great credit. May they succeed in restoring No. 411 to her old-time prestige. April 16—Interchange meeting. One of the best gatherings in Rodney lodge room in years, work well done. Much better interest. Secretary reports favorable progress in collection of arrearages and deeper interest in the work. Some good material in sight.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: Visited February 4, April 22.—Average attendance fair. Opening slow. Books well kept. Finances and prospects O. K. Work of officers satisfactory. Officers' collars not as prescribed by Grand Lodge. February 4—The officers, from the length of time installed, gave a good account of themselves in the work of passing. Lodge raised to third and parts of each reviewed. W. Bro. Irwin promised attainment to perfect work for a promised second visit. April 22—Interchange. Attendance largest in years. Delightful and profitable meeting, indeed, one of the best of the interchange series. On the occasion of my first visit, love and harmony not altogether supreme. I trust that the first grand princi-

ple of Masonry now pervades each heart. W. Bro. Kerr is a capital Secretary. Coronation services June 22.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: Visited February 10, May 12. Average attendance very fair. Harmony. Opening prompt. Finances A1. Booke well kept. Present team work fair. February 10—W. Bro. Misner and staff made a creditable showing in the work of passing. Parts were reviewed. Profitable time spent. W. M. very nervous, but an enthusiastic Mason. Promised a second visit and closer criticism, and was assured of a nearer approach to perfect work. W. Bro. John Crookshank is a model secretary, one whom those failing to pay dues promptly are sure to hear from; a token of true secretaryship. May 12—Splendid interchange meeting. Good attendance. Improved work. R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Jamieson present as usual. Report favorable for No. 274.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: Visited February 20, June 12. Largest membership. Average attendance large. Opening strictly on time. Finances O.K. Examinations thorough. Abundance of work. Present team work about perfect. February 20—Attendance 100. The first degree worked correctly and impressively by W.M., W. Bro. Henry Siebert and staff. Parts reviewed, the brethren accepting an invitation to charge well with questions. Decisions fraternally accepted. Although W. Bro. Siebert has moved some miles from Windsor, his name appears frequently on the register, being ably seconded by a brilliant array of Past Masters, Great Western's prestige will be more than sustained. June 12—Surprise visit. W. M. and S. D. absent. W. Bro. Quamby in the chair. After a thorough examination one brother was passed, the chair being taken by W. Bro. George E. White. The work was marked by impressiveness throughout, characteristic of W. Bro. White. The acting S.D., a young man, gave a good account of himself, and should be heard from. Coronation services under the auspices of Great Western Lodge.

The Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: Visited February 25, April 9, April 15. Membership small. Interest and harmony. Well officered. Good credit balance. Books well kept. Team work favorable.

February 25—With this visit and date each Lodge visited at least once. Four Lodges of Instruction held. Found the brethren mourning the serious, yea, fatal illness of the guiding hand of The Hammond Lodge, R. W. Bro. Dr. McKillop, whom we found exemplifying true Christian fortitude, anticipating an early entrance to the Grand Lodge above. He answered the summons April 6th. The W.M., W. Bro. Mulligan, is a whole-souled craftsman, well supported. Found the tracing board barren. Turned meeting into Lodge of Instruction. Important parts of the three degrees reviewed. Instruction given. Altogether a most profitable evening. Promised work for future visit. April 15—Interchange meeting. Splendid turnout. Beautiful work. April 16th at Rodney. The Wardsville brethren initiated a candidate in a very satisfactory manner, giving promise of excellent work with practice. Found the by-laws uncompleted since 1897, referring them to the Grand Master. Prospects for The Hammond Lodge are very fair.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION..

Of the 23 Lodges 10 have worked at Lodges of Instruction, crack Lodges were not all chosen. Many Lodges were brought to the front to work in Lodge of Instruction for the first time. Lodges not assigned to Lodge of Instruction work were included in interchange meetings. At Tilbury the Sublime degree was assigned to P. D.D.G. Masters. These meetings were greatly appreciated, in some instances officers and members driving twenty miles to attend. Each Lodge has been represented at Lodges of Instruction, most of them by W. M. and officers. My successor is assured that this form of gathering will still be found popular. Officers of one year are about as anxious for instruction and as ambitious as their predecessors.

October 29—Chatham. Attendance most gratifying. First degree, Sydenham Lodge, Dresden; second degree, Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg; third degree, Wellington Lodge, Chatham. The first degree was practically perfect; criticism nil. The second degree, but for the unsteadiness of inner guard, was well worked; criticisms

few. The third degree was a beautiful exemplification of the Master Mason's degree; criticism nil. Profitable discussion. Music by Prof. Bro. E. J. Forsythe. The following D.D.M.M.'s were present: R. W. Bros. D. F. MacWatt, J. B. Ranken, T. C. MacNabb, J. B. Carscalen, W. R. Hickay, W. H. Jamieson. V. W. Bro. Dr. Storey, Rev. J. J. Noble, District Chaplain, and a large number of Masters and Past Masters.

December 5—Sarnia (joint meeting). Arranged with R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders, the energetic D. D. of St. Clair District, for an exchange of third degree work. Selected W. Bro. Fred P. Gavin and staff, of Windsor Lodge, No. 403, to represent Erie District. Immensely pleased with the result. Excepting one superfluous movement the work was correctly and charmingly rendered, creditable to the district and honorable to the team. The work of first and second, reported by R. W. Bro. Saunders, were correctly and impressively rendered. This gathering will long be remembered by those present, the visitors receiving every attention from the Sarnia brethren.

December 6—Windsor, Ont., under the patronage of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master. Afternoon attendance small; evening, large gathering. The following brethren were present, representing St. Clair District: R. W. Bros. Alex. Saunders, D.D.G.M.; D. F. MacWatt and A. W. Parks, W. Bro. Gibbons, and W. Bro. Dr. Martyn and officers of Alvinston Lodge, St. Clair District, whom R. W. Bro. Saunders selected to work the third degree. First degree, Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury; second degree, Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley; third degree, Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, St. Clair District. First degree very creditable to W. Bro. Stenison and staff; very little criticism offered. Second degree, highly creditable to our "baby" lodge. Third degree, beautifully exemplified by the Alvinston brethren. I congratulate R. W. Bro. Saunders on his selection. The brethren were thoroughly deserving of the prize given by R. W. Bro. Judge Harding and others.

January 28—Bothwell. Among the large number present, 50 of the brethren drove an average of 13 miles. The day was very cold. Thirteen Lodges represented.

Past Masters meeting. Profitable hour spent in discussing certain important topics. I recommend P. M. meetings. First degree, McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne; second degree, Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney; third degree, Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell. Board of Trial—R. W. Bro. W. R. Hickey, W. Bros. W. J. French, J. S. Turner. Music by Prof. Bro. J. E. Forsythe, London. First degree about as perfect as it could be; criticism nil. Second degree reflected great credit on "the old guard"; criticism nil. Third degree, a perfect exemplification of the Master Mason's degree. Board of Trial, to my mind, a most important lesson to the brethren assembled. The examination, as conducted by R. W. Bro. Hickey, was superb. Profitable discussion and a social hour closed a most profitable and enjoyable gathering.

February 19—Tilbury. Originally called for Leamington for benefit of southwest portion of district. At the last moment Leamington backed out, hence transfer to Tilbury. Enthusiasm and interest displayed by Tilbury brethren most commendable. Splendid attendance. Large number of lodges represented. Meeting honored by the presence of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master. Program: First degree, St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville; second degree, Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham; third degree by P.D.D.G. Masters. Board of Trial. Music, Bro. E. J. Forsythe, of London, assisted by R. W. Bro. Liddell, of Brantford. First degree—Kingsville brethren having missed connection, I formed a team from brethren present, as follows: W. M., W. Bro. J. S. Turner, Chatham; S.W., W. Bro. W. J. French, Glencoe; J.W., Bro. F. D. Laurie, Chatham; J. D., Bro. L. T. Tillson, Chatham; S.D., W. Bro. Rev. J. J. Noble, Lowesville; S.S., W. Bro. Jos. Edgar, Windsor; J.S., Bro. J. Kenny, Chatham; I.G., W. Bro. W. J. Brown, Comber; Tyler, V. W. Bro. J. R. Palmer, Tilbury. The initiation by these brethren was exceedingly well done, reflecting great credit upon themselves and their respective lodges. The R. W. the Acting Grand Master was received with Grand Honors. Second degree, by W. Bro. Irving and staff, was done with pleasing effect, Rev. Bro. T. C. MacNabb informs me. First Lodge of Instruction for this Lodge in thirty years.

They were deservedly congratulated by R. W. Bro. Harding. Board of Trial—R. W. Bro. W. R. Hickey, W. Bros. Geo. Middleditch and W. Bro. R. Revel. As at Bothwell this proved an important and instructive feature, a departure from any set rule, and such as to prevent any disqualified person from treading on holy ground. Third degree—Much interest was centered therein, being assigned to P.D.D.G. Masters of the district, a few of whom balked at the last moment. Places were filled from the gathering, which then gave the following team: I.P.M., W. Bro. Geo. Crumb; W. M., R. W. Bro. W. R. Hickey; W.M., R. W. Bro. T. C. McNabb; S.W., R. W. Bro. A. H. Vongunten; J.W. V. W. Bro. J. R. Palmer; S.D., R. W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Jamieson, D.D.; J.D., Bro. J. Kenny; S.D., R. W. Bro. Liddell; I.G., W. Bro. W. E. Campbell; D. of C., W. Bro. W. J. French; Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. J. J. Noble, District Chaplain. A most impressive rendition of this sublime degree, followed by discussion and a social hour, and an instructive address by the R. W. the Acting Grand Master. Eleven Lodges were here represented by Worshipful Master, brethren from West Lorne, traveling 50 miles to be present. My thanks are due and hereby tendered R. W. Bro. Hickey and staff, and all other brethren taking part and those assisting to make this meeting such a pronounced success, and again to the R. W. the Acting Grand Master for encouraging the work and honoring the gathering by his presence.

The interchange meetings were, for the most part, record breakers, Lodge rooms crowded, each Lodge on its mettle, interesting, instructive and immensely successful, and among the best I have attended. Personally reviewed the work at each meeting, going thoroughly into details, requesting all present to go through certain parts, which are often indifferently performed by the rank and file.

Except third, fourth and fourteenth numbers, the program was fully carried out.

MARCH.

March 19th, at Essex—St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, first degree; Great Western Lodge, Windsor, third degree.

March 20th, at Amherstburg—Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg, second degree; Central Lodge, Essex, third degree.

March 25th, at Wheatley—Zenophon Lodge, Wheatley, second degree; Leamington Lodge, Leamington, third degree.

March 26th, at Kingsville—Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg, third degree; St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, second degree.

APRIL.

April 2nd, at Chatham—Kent Lodge, Blenheim, first degree; Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, third degree.

April 10th, at Dresden—Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, first degree; The Hammond Lodge, Wardsville, third degree.

April 16th, Rodney—The Hammond Lodge, Wardsville, second degree; McColl Lodge, West Lorne, third degree.

April 18th, Comber—Parvaim Lodge, Comber, second degree; Xenophon Lodge, Wheatley, third degree.

April 22nd, Leamington—Leamington Lodge, Leamington, second degree; Parvaim Lodge, Comber, third degree.

April 24th, West Lorne—McColl Lodge, West Lorne, second degree; Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, third degree.

MAY.

May 12th, at Blenheim—Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, first degree; Kent Lodge, Blenheim, third degree.

May 16th, at Highgate—Highgate Lodge, Highgate, second degree; Howard Lodge, Ridgetown, third degree.

May 19th, Ridgetown—Howard Lodge, Ridgetown, first degree; Highgate Lodge, Highgate, third degree.

May 20th, Thamesville—Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville, second degree; Florence Lodge, Florence, third degree.

May 22nd, at Florence—Florence Lodge, Florence, first degree; Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville, third degree.

The work of each Lodge having been commented upon, it is perhaps unnecessary to enumerate details of these meetings, as intended. With several weeks to rehearse, the Lodges were in a polished state, in each instance the work being about perfect, to us most gratifying. My thanks are tendered the several Worshipful Masters, officers and brethren, to whose interest, energy and zeal we are indebted for those most successful meetings. Having economised space, permit me to record my appreciation of those brethren by whom I was entertained, and whose hospitality I enjoyed on those second visits: W. Bro. J. Huston, Amherstburg; W. Bro. John Crookshank, Benheim; W. Bro. W. A. Becker, West Lorne; W. Bro. P. A. McVicar, Rodney; W. Bro. W. J. French, Glencoe; W. Bro. Geo. Johns, Bothwell; W. Bro. J. S. Richardson, Tilbury; W. Bro. T. A. Mulligan, Wardsville; Bro. Taylor, Wheatley; Bro. Campbell, Comber; Bro. M. Pummaville, Leamington; Bro. Wilson, Kingsville, and the brethren of the district generally, whose kindness and interest was inspiring.

A few suggestions to the Lodges, verbal and per circular:

That tardiness in opening is highly detrimental.

That much time is wasted in parts of the work.

That paucity of working tools, an implement should be placed in each part of the room where required to prevent embarrassing delays.

That wicket in Lodge room door should be closed up.

That the beauty of a degree is often marred in superabundance of work undertaken. Well worked one degree and early closing preferable.

That very few Lodges are supplied with wand holders.

That many by-laws need revising.

That each Lodge procure from the Grand Secretary one or a dozen copies of "Ceremonies," dated 1897, that uniformity may obtain in funeral and other ceremonies.

That Deacons remember instructions given. There is but one correct way to make certain moves.

That Masters rehearse frequently, not forgetting that it is infinitely better to open Lodge at 8 p.m. with seven members, than 8.30 or 8.45 with a larger number.

See that report of D.D.G.M. is read in open Lodge.

In conclusion, the honor of my election I dearly ap-

preciate. Unbounded enthusiasm, interest and harmony is predominant throughout the district, which, to me, with the success attending my humble efforts in adjusting several little differences has proved a rich reward.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD WORTH, D.D.G.M.,

Erie District No. 1.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master and
Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 2, during the past year, I wish at the outset to express my due appreciation to the brethren of the district for the expression of confidence in electing me to the high office of D.D.G.M., as well as for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me during my official term.

I have visited each Lodge in the District at least once, with the exception of Ionic Lodge, No. 328.

No meetings have been held by the latter for some years past, and although every effort was made by both the W. M. and myself to revive it, we were unable to enlist the co-operation of a sufficient number of the members to even open the Lodge.

Apart from this one instance, the Order in the District is in a healthy condition. The Lodges are generally officered by competent craftsmen, and the work well executed and uniform. Each W. M. was required to exemplify one or other of the degrees, regular candidates being in all cases employed where such could be had.

During these official visits, while particularly correcting any errors or deviations from the authorized work, I took occasion to remind the brethren that the reputation and usefulness of the Order depended mainly upon the class of material admitted into the ranks, and that the applications of those only should be favorably considered who will reflect honor on our choice.

To the officers, having once accepted the position to which they were elected or appointed, I charged it to be their bounden and sacred duty to be prompt and regular in attendance at Lodge meetings, to make a careful and diligent study of the work required of each, to attain perfection in that work, and that they acquire a reverent and impressive delivery of their respective parts.

I intimated the urgency for thoroughly posting each candidate in the work of the inferior degree before being advanced, and that each member should give practical effect in their lives to the excellent teachings learned at our altars in improvement of mental and moral facilities.

A Lodge of Instruction was held at Sarnia in the afternoon and evening of 5th December, 1901, under the auspices of Victoria Lodge, No. 437. R. W. Bro. Harding, Acting Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Niel McMillan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; R. W. Bro. Worth, D.D.G.M. Erie District, No. 1, some twelve P.D.D.G.M's. and representations from nearly every Lodge in the District were present.

W. Bro. Wrighton and officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, exemplified the first degree, and W. Bro. McGibbon and officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, exemplified the second degree in the afternoon, the work in each degree being rendered in a manner that reflected great credit to each of the officers engaged.

Through the kindness of R. W. Bro. Worth, the third degree was exemplified in the evening by W. Bro. Gavin and officers of Windsor Lodge, No. 403, of Erie District, No. 1. The work was beautifully and impressively rendered, and called forth well deserved praise from the many Grand Lodge officers present.

The presentation by R. W. Bro. Weir, on behalf of the District, of a handsome P.D.D.G.M. regalia to R. W. Bro. Parks, and an address of welcome to R. W. Bro. Harding, the Acting Grand Master, brought to a close the business portion of one of the largest, most enthusiastic and successful Lodges of Instruction ever held in the District, but those present will never forget the handsome manner in which all were entertained and banqueted at the Hotel Vendome by the brethren of Victoria and Tuscan Lodges, to whose efforts is largely due the success of the meeting.

Dispensations were granted to Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, and Washington Lodge, No. 260, to instal officers; to Victoria Lodge, No. 56, and Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, to attend the laying of a corner stone of the Masonic Temple, Port Huron, and to attend Divine service, and to Washington Lodge, No. 260, to attend Divine service.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bro.

Willard Slocum, Bismarck Lodge, No. 419; Bro. William Mitchell, Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, and Bro. Stewart Henry Vine, of Victoria Lodge, No. 56.

My first official visit, accompanied by Bro. J. S. Williams, of Havelock Lodge, No. 238, was on 19th November, 1901, to St. Clair Lodge, No. 425. The first degree was exemplified by the W.M., W. Bro. Stokes and officers in a very creditable manner. This Lodge has done considerable work the past year, and is in a good financial condition. The dues are well looked after and the books well kept by the efficient secretary, W. Bro. Cowan. The Lodge register indicates an enthusiastic membership.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, was visited on 20th November, 1901, Bro. J. S. Williams also accompanying me. This Lodge had suffered from a fire in January, 1901, the loss of their entire furniture and regalia, and had hardly got established in their new lodge rooms at the time of my visit. It was a pleasing feature to note the interest taken by so many P.M's. The W. M., W. Bro. Smith, passed two candidates to the second degree, and the work was fairly well done. A little more practice or a few rehearsals to familiarize the officers with their respective chairs is needed. The prospects of the Lodge are good, but too great an arrearage of dues is permitted. The Lodge has an efficient Secretary in W. Bro. Leacock.

On 9th December, 1901, I visited Bismarck Lodge, No. 419. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the most fraternal feeling exists between Bismarck and the Sarnia Lodges, exchange of visits being frequent. Two candidates were raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason, the W.M., W. Bro. Clark, officiating at one, and R. W. Bro. George the second, the work being ably and impressively done by those taking part. The accuracy is in evidence of the watchfulness and interest which R. W. Bro. George still entertains towards the Order.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, was visited 27th December, 1901, the work being a candidate for the third degree. The rendition showed a lack of practice, and the officers were urged to take frequent rehearsals so as to gain confidence in themselves. Bro. Watt is a pains-

taking Secretary, a regular attendant, and looks well after the books and dues.

February 12, 1902, I visited Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, and was received by a good attendance of both members and visitors. R. W. Bro. Sinclair, who continues to take an active interest in the welfare of the craft, was present and added not a little to the interest of the occasion by his timely remarks. The raising of a candidate to the third degree was very accurately done by the W. M., W. Bro. Barrett, assisted by a staff of excellent officers.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, was visited on 17th February, 1902, and although the evening was stormy and the roads next to impassable, there was a good attendance, a number being visiting brethren from Arkona. The exemplification of the second degree was creditably done by the W.M., W. Bro. Campbell. R. W. Bro. Sutherland, an accurate worker, keeps the brethren of Cassia well within line.

On 19th February, 1902, I visited Dufferin Lodge, No. 346. It was a great pleasure to see the position this Lodge has attained in the past two years. Inactive for many years, it is now one of the most flourishing in the District. The finances are in splendid shape, and considerable enthusiasm has been aroused in the brethren. This happy state of affairs has been brought about during the occupancy of the East by W. Bro. James, who upon the occasion of my visit initiated a candidate, rendering the work in a satisfactory manner, and being ably assisted by a staff of good officers.

February 20th, 1902, Burns Lodge, No. 153, was visited. A candidate was initiated, and the work was very impressively rendered by W. Bro. Parker, W.M., and officers. This is one of the most active Lodges in the District, has many enthusiastic Masons in its membership, among whom may be numbered R. W. Bro. Dr. Harvey and W. Bro. Dr. Brodie. V. W. Bro. Wilson, the Secretary, is the right man in the right place.

I visited Washington Lodge, No. 260, on 5th March, 1902, R. W. Bros. Sinclair and Milner being numbered among the visitors on this occasion. The work of raising a candidate was very efficiently done, particularly that of the W.M., W. Bro. McWhorter. The attendance was good.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, was visited 11th March, 1902. A candidate was passed to the second degree, and the present officers fully maintained the reputation of the Lodge for careful and accurate work. W. Bro. Clark makes an excellent presiding officer, and in Bro. Watson the Lodge has a model Secretary.

On 18th March, 1902, I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 81. A candidate was raised to the third degree, and the work done was only fair. With a little application and a few rehearsals the W. M. would do effective work. A pleasing feature to be noted was the attendance of P. M's of advanced years.

I visited Huron Lodge, No. 392, in company with W. Bro. McLean, of Wyoming. W. Bro. McLean has splendid knowledge of the geography of this part of the District and makes an excellent guide. The work of initiating a candidate was satisfactorily done by the whole staff of officers, and W. Bro. Draper, the W. M., has a pleasing and effective style of delivery. W. Bro. S. W. Trusler though a busy man, finds time to show his zeal for the Order, and is a regular attendant at Lodge meetings.

In company with W. Bro. Fitzgerald, of Watford, I visited Arkona Lodge, No. 307, on 20th March, 1902. The initiation of a candidate was performed to my satisfaction. There are few Lodges in the District that do better work than Arkona, and for zeal and devotion to the Order the Lodge stands second to none.

On 26th March, 1902, I visited Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, and was delighted with the manner the work of raising a candidate was performed. W. Bro. Cornell, the W. M., has a very impressive style of delivery, and brings home to the mind of the candidate the beauties of the lessons therein contained. R. W. Bro. Judge MacWatt and W. Bro. Judge MacKenzie and a large attendance of P. M's and members were present.

I visited Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, in company with W. Bro. McLean, of Wyoming, on 27th March, 1902. There has been a lack of harmony in this Lodge the past year, but with the election of R. W. Bro. Parks to the East I have every hope that harmony will be restored. The working of the third degree was satisfactorily done by the W. M. and Wardens, but some of the junior officers required more practice.

On March 28th, 1902, I visited Beaver Lodge, No. 83. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Tanner and officers to the delight of all present. W.M., V. W. Bro. Mallon failed to find reason for criticism. There was a fair attendance, notwithstanding that a drenching rain fell all evening. R. W. Bros. Whitehead and Lindsay were present, and made short interesting and instructive addresses.

I visited Forest Lodge, No. 263, on the evening of 16th April, 1902. This Lodge has a number of zealous Masons who take a pride in efficient work, and the exemplification of the first degree was highly satisfactory. The attendance was good, the books and dues properly looked after by the Secretary, Bro. P. W. Campbell.

On the 17th April, 1902, I visited Moore Lodge, No. 294. The W.M. was unavoidably absent through serious illness in the family. The chair, however, was taken by P. M. Brown, who gave the third degree in a very accurate and impressive manner. The S.W. also had his work up well, but the J.W. requires considerable application and practice in his position. The other officers did fairly well, but I would urge again, as I did on that occasion, that meeting nights, if no other work on, should be made lodges of instruction for the practice of the several degrees.

June 18th, 1902, was the occasion of my official visit to Alvinston Lodge, No. 323. W. Bro. Martyn and officers of Alvinston had exemplified the third degree at my request at the Lodge of Instruction for Erie District, No. 1, held at Windsor on 6th December, 1901, and received due compliment from the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, for their accurate work. Upon the date of this visit the first degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Gordon and officers, and fully upheld the reputation of the Lodge for accurate and impressive work. The J.W. is deserving of special mention for effective rendition of the lecture. Bro. R. Code is an excellent Secretary.

The credit of the present satisfactory condition of Masonry in St. Clair District is to a large extent due to the efforts of the conscientious painstaking officers who have preceded me in the occupancy of the important position, but great credit must also be given to the

Lodges themselves for the wise discretion exercised in the selection of competent officers.

Before concluding I again express my sincere thanks to the brethren for the kind and hospitable manner in which I was every where received.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ALEX. SAUNDERS, D.D.G.M.,

St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

NAME OF LODGE.	MEMBERSHIP.		DEGREE'S CONF'D.			AFFILIATIONS.	RESTORATIONS.	RESIGNATIONS.	SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D.	SUSPENSIONS, OTHER CAUSES.	MEETINGS HELD.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.	NO. OF MEMBERS 12 MONTHS IN ARREARS.	TOTAL OR ALL ARREARAGES.	DATE OF LAST G. L. RETURN.	FINANCIAL STANDING.	PROSPECTS OF LODGE.	CAN W. M. WORK ALL DEGREES.	INSURANCE.			
	INCREASE DURING YEAR.	DECREASE DURING YEAR.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						REGULAR.	EMERGENT.	TOTAL.												
56 Victoria.....	142	15	15	14	17	5	...	4	1	13	13	26	30	107	25	5	27 75	Dec., 1901..	A 1	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Yes
81 St. John's.....	48	5	5	1	1	1	...	1	3	...	2	13	215	18	17	00	10	8	24	00	July, 1901..	Good	Fair	Yes	\$1500 00
83 Beaver.....	90	...	1	2	3	1	...	1	3	2	1	12	113	25	10	00	8	200	00	Dec., 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
16 Cassia.....	31	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	13	114	8	5	00	8	25	00	July, 1900..	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
53 Burns.....	73	5	7	5	6	1	...	1	2	...	...	15	116	19	15	00	3	25	50	June, 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
56 Alexandra.....	56	4	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	12	12	...	24	80	00	Dec., 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
94 Petrolia.....	72	6	2	2	3	1	...	3	3	...	1	11	112	17	30	00	12	60	00	Dec., 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
98 Havelock.....	59	3	2	2	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	13	13	9	20	00	13	90	00	June, 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
60 Washin'ton	83	3	5	4	3	1	...	...	4	...	...	12	214	12	15	00	...	...	...	Dec., 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	80 00
63 Forest.....	70	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	14	216	30	16	00	15	39	00	June, 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
234 Moore.....	32	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	10	12	...	4	17	50	Dec., 1900..	Fair	Fair	No	200 00
273 Arkona.....	38	3	6	3	2	1	...	3	1	13	215	20	5	00	...	64	75	Dec., 1901..	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
283 Alvinston.....	53	...	3	3	3	4	1	2	7	...	...	12	214	18	...	...	10	42	00	June, 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
288 Ionic.....	17	...	3	2	2	2	2	17	Poor	No	Yes	500 00
292 Dufferin.....	32	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	12	113	10	...	...	7	75	00	June, 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
392 Huron.....	51	1	8	7	9	2	3	...	...	...	...	14	317	13	...	...	8	78	00	Jan., 1902..	Good	Good	Yes	185 00
197 Leopold.....	57	7	3	1	1	3	2	12	113	15	10	00	15	237	00	Dec., 1901..	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Yes
139 Bismarck.....	77	...	3	1	1	1	60	00	Jan., 1902..	Good	Good	No	Yes	00
235 St. Clair.....	52	8	6	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	12	113	13	20	00	12	21	00	Dec., 1901..	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
37 Tuscan.....	88	18	15	14	15	3	...	...	...	...	...	13	821	31	37	00	...	...	...	Dec., 1901..	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Fully in.

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master and
Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F.
& A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with pleasure that I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in London District No. 3, for the current year, and in doing so I likewise extend my sincere thanks to the brethren of the District for the honor they have conferred on me in unanimously electing me to the high and responsible position of D.D.G.M.

Being the representative of the largest District in the Grand Lodge, and not having appointed a W. Bro. to assist me in acting as secretary, I had a great deal of correspondence to attend to, but I have endeavored to be prompt, and I hope that the brethren have no complaints in this regard.

It is with deep regret that every member of the craft in my district learned on September 9th, 1901, that our Grand Master, the late M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, had passed away. While his death was felt by every brother in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we in No. 3 District more deeply deplored it on account of our intimate connection with him in Masonry for a number of years. He had gained the summit of his ambition, which was to fill the highest position which was in the hands and was the gift of his brethren. Few have fulfilled the duties appertaining to the office, to which he had been elected, better than the late M. W. Bro. He took a lively interest in all branches of Masonry, and there were few positions of honor and trust that he had not fulfilled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the craft. His Masonic zeal was great, and he tried in his life and daily intercourse to exemplify those beautiful teachings which Masonry inculcate. His advice, which was always kindly given, was ever on the

side of right, truth and justice. We shall never forget his kindly word, his cheerful smile and his good example.

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead, he's just away."

I have also to record the sudden and unexpected death of W. Bro. Alex. Findlay, of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, of London, a short time after the demise of the Grand Master. Bro. Findlay was an enthusiast in the different Masonic bodies with which he was connected, and his death was very much deplored.

It was the request of the Acting Grand Master that a Lodge of Instruction be held, and it was my intention to do so, but owing to the way my District is located geographically, and on the furtherance of my official visits, I found the work being performed in a uniform manner, and I did not consider it necessary; on the other hand I advised an interchange of visits between the different Lodges, which I am pleased to say took place in a great many of them. I think that having the officers of one Lodge visiting another and conferring degrees is a means of perfecting them in the work, as they will prepare and practice as they otherwise would not do in order to maintain the standard of their Mother Lodge. I also advised to adopt the practice of having some well read brother address them on interesting topics concerning Masonry, which I am pleased to know has been done by well informed brethren. During my visits where I found the work somewhat loosely done (which I am pleased to say was only on a couple of occasions), I have impressed the officers the necessity of getting it accurately, and to that end of having frequent rehearsals.

As the regalia of the D.D.G.M., belonging to the District had become much the worse of wear, I made application to all the Lodges for the necessary funds to purchase a new set, and my applications were promptly responded to.

I have visited all the Lodges in my District on their regular meeting nights, with two exceptions, being compelled to ask for two emergency meetings in order to carry out my arrangements. I only disappointed on one occasion, and that was owing to being snow-bound.

On my return from Grand Lodge, after my election to the office of D.D.G.M., I was given a reception by my

own Lodge, Warren, No. 120, Fingal, at which there were a number of members and visiting brothers present, at which a number of flattering references to my election were made. I refer to this, as it is such expressions as these which give a person heart to perform the duties appertaining to the office to which they have been elected, and makes those duties a pleasure, and I know they greatly encouraged me in assuming the duties of my newly elected office.

I have issued the following dispensations: To appear in public, clothed as Masons for Divine service, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44; Cameron Lodge, No. 232; Mt. Olivet, No. 300; St. Davids, No. 302, and Warren, No. 120; at homes, St. John's and St. George's; chapters, London.

During the year I visited every Lodge in the District at least once, and some of them twice. I gave each Lodge due notice of my intended visit, and was always welcomed by a large number of visitors, as well as members of the Lodge visited. I received on all occasions the greatest hospitality, and the "fourth degree" was always looked on as an hour of great social benefit. In every case the Lodge of my official visit kindly contributed to my expenses.

By authority of the Grand Master I healed Bros. Robt. Whitton in St. John's, No. 20 and Bro. Wangenheim in Union Lodge, No. 380, members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario. Each became affiliated with the Lodges above mentioned respectively.

While the membership of the Lodges has almost, without exception, been steadily growing, it has been increased, not at the expense of quality, but as far as I have been able to judge the new members entering have been of the very brightest class, and likely to prove a credit to the craft in every way. I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren in the different Lodges to be careful of their ballot, and to see that no one who would not make a worthy brother is admitted, as the misdeed of one unworthy member would be pointed out, while the good acts of hundreds of excellent brethren would be passed unnoticed.

On February 20th, 1902, the St. Thomas Lodges were honored by a fraternal visit from the Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Judge Harding. There were a great

number of members of St. Thomas, No. 44, and St. David's, No. 302, present, also brethren from the surrounding rural Lodges. The Acting Grand Master and myself were received with the usual honors. W. Bro. J. A. Fitzpatrick, W.M. of St. David's Lodge, No. 302, together with his officers, conferred the first degree on Bro. Baldwin. The manner in which the work was done brought forth eulogy from our honored guest and other visitors. At the conclusion of the Lodge work the brethren adjourned to Bro. Spencer's new banqueting hall, where an elegant spread awaited the Acting Grand Master. A couple of hours were spent pleasantly in song, recitation, and a brilliant speech by Rt. Wor. Bro. Harding. W. Bro. T. H. Caughell, W.M. of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, occupied the chair in his usual happy manner.

Through the kindness of the brethren of McColl Lodge, West Lorne, I received an invitation to be present on the evening of April 24, 1902, when I met R. W. Bro. Worth, D.D.G.M. of Erie District No. 1. W. Bro. Henry Roe accompanied me on this occasion. Was received in a very fraternal manner by Rt. W. Bro. Worth, who, being an old personal friend, I was pleased to see in his official capacity. It was the occasion of a visit from Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe, the W.M., W. Bro. French, and officers of Lorne Lodge, conferred the third degree on Bro. Dr. Hyttenrande, of Appin, a volusteer candidate, which they did in a perfect manner. We were afterwards entertained to a fourth degree, for which the West Lorne brethren cannot be too highly commended.

Accompanied the officers of St. David's Lodge on Good Friday, in a special car, per M.C.R., to pay a return visit to Great Western Lodge, Windsor. We were welcomed by the brethren of Windsor in a most fraternal manner, and although there was a great downpour of rain during the greater part of the day and night, we enjoyed our visit. On our arrival at Windsor, after partaking of lunch at the Crawford House, we were kindly taken to visit Palestine Lodge, Detroit, which was in session, during the afternoon. We were well received by the American brethren, and thoroughly appreciated their work and enjoyed their kindness. In

the evening in Great Western Lodge the W.M. and officers of St. David's Lodge conferred the first degree, after which we were entertained at a banquet in their spacious banquetting hall, which proved a great success, and the visitors were high in their praise of the Windsor brethren, W. Bro. Geo. E. White, P.M., Great Western Lodge, being toastmaster. Met R. W. Bro. Wigle and several other past Grand Lodge officers.

On the 23rd January, 1902, was present in London at the ceremony of dedicating the Blue Room in the Masonic Temple, which ceremony was performed by the Acting Grand Master R. W. Bro. Harding, assisted by Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Lodge officers of London District and surrounding country. The inaugural ball in honor of the Grand Master, which was held in the evening proved a great success.

Have assisted during the year in the ceremony of the funeral services at the burial of Bro. Piper, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107; Bro. McIntyre, Belmont Lodge, No. 190; Bros. T. Ward and J. H. Still, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44: To this Lodge I paid my official visit on October 3rd, 1901. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren present, all the officers were in their respective stations with the exceptions of the Senior Warden and Junior Deacon, the brethren filling those vacant offices very acceptably. The W.M. and officers exemplified the first degree very creditably, and the rendition of the lecture by the J.W., Bro. Dr. Kennedy, was perfect, being given with a great deal of ease and correctness. The energetic Secretary, R. W. Bro. Slater, is a very careful and competent brother, and receives great credit from his Lodge for his untiring energy in keeping the Lodge in so healthy a state. The outlook of this Lodge is very bright, attendance is large, harmony prevails, and the financial standing is good, very few of the members being in arrears. I also visited this Lodge on the occasion of the reception of the St. Thomas Lodges to the Acting Grand Master R. W. Bro. Harding on the 20th February, 1902, also at their regular meeting in April, when several degrees were conferred by W. M. Caughell and officers in an impressive and correct manner. I was pleased to

meet on this occasion R. W. Bros. Mooney, of Stratford; Tait, of Toronto, and Dubber, in his mother Lodge, also W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Young. Old 44 entertained the visitors in the banquetting hall to a substantial repast, which brought the large number of brethren in closer touch, in song and sentiment, one with another. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, which brought forth happy and thoughtful responses.

Mount Olivet, No. 300: On the evening of October 22nd, 1901, I visited Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, at Thorndale, and was received with that cordiality and true Masonic kindness characteristic of the brethren of this Lodge. There was a large turnout of the members, and the East was well filled by Past Masters. W. Bro. James L. Guest, the present Master, being my youngest brother, it afforded me a great deal of pleasure at being present in my official capacity. I have, besides the W.M., several near relatives members of this Lodge. There being no degree work, I asked the Master to open and close in the several degrees, which was done in a perfect manner. The minor officers of this Lodge are of the best material, and will adorn the East with a great deal of ability. Was particularly pleased with the presence of the Past Masters, and to see the interest they took in the transaction of the business of the Lodge. Was accompanied on my visit to this Lodge by V. W. Bro. W. C. Fitzgerald, of Union, No. 380. This Lodge is blessed with a good Secretary in Bro. Meade W. Wright. After the Lodge was closed we adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a pleasant hour was spent in that social and fraternal intercourse, interspersed with speech and song which Masons so thoroughly know how to enjoy and appreciate.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358: Accompanied by W. Bro. Henry Roe, of St. Thomas, No. 44, I visited this Lodge on October 25th, 1901. There was a large turnout of members on that occasion, which I believe is the general rule. There being no degree work, the Master opened and closed in the several degrees in a fair manner. The Secretary is a very capable man to fill this important position, and looks well after the finances of the Lodge. The officers seemed active and interested in their duties, and I am sure this Lodge has rea-

son to expect good results in the future. An adjournment was made to Hall's Hotel, where a pleasant hour was spent in the usual Masonic style.

St. Georges, No. 42, London: My visit was on November 7th, 1901. The W.M., W. Bro. J. H. Deeks, was in his place. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors, and great interest manifested. No degree work was on hand, but the W.M. and officers went through the opening and closing in the several degrees, which was well done. The membership is composed of some very active Past Masters. Was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson, who is a member of this Lodge. W. Bro. Ellis is a painstaking and efficient Secretary. Was sorry they had no degree work on hand, but judging from the manner in which they did the other business of the evening, I believe the degree work would have been equally well done. A light lunch was served in the banqueting hall and a social hour was spent.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo: I visited this Lodge November 21st, 1901. Was a little late in arriving at the Lodge room, and found the brethren busy rehearsing their work in order that they might give a proper account of themselves. Was rightly received and honored as the representative of the Grand Lodge. V. W. Bro. J. D. Dewar and officers having no degree work, opened and closed in the several degrees in a fairly correct manner. This Lodge has many active Past Masters, and one drawback seems to be the long distance some of the brethren are from their Lodge. I did not meet the Secretary, he being away from his Lodge on account of the illness of his brother. This was the only Secretary I did not meet during my official visits. This Lodge has not made any progress for the past few years in regard to increase of membership, but am creditably informed that new life will come soon. Was entertained at conclusion of Lodge work to a banquet.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station: My official inspection was made November 29th, 1901, accompanied from St. Thomas by W. Bros. Robt. McCully and John Couse, Past Masters of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44. I was also pleased to meet W. Bro. Norman and Bro. Oliver from my mother Lodge, War-

ren, No. 120, Fingal. There was no degree work on hand, and I was somewhat disappointed in the manner in which the other work was performed. It seemed to be carelessness and lack of appreciation on behalf of the W. M. and some of his officers. It was their regular meeting for election of officers which I witnessed, and believe the new officers will give a good account of themselves. This Lodge is making rapid progress in regard to increase of membership, and are receiving new energetic material, which in a short time will make first-class officers. They are comfortably situated in their small Lodge room, their finances good, and I look upon their future as very bright. The fourth degree was well attended, and some witty addresses were given by visitors and brethren.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London: I officially visited this Lodge at their regular meeting December 3rd, 1901. There was a large attendance of members, including visitors, among whom were a number of past Grand Lodge officers. I was well received, being introduced by a past Grand Lodge officer. This was night for election of officers, which I was pleased to witness. It is always a pleasure to see the business of the Lodge transacted in a prompt and business like manner, and I must congratulate W. Bro. W. H. Irvine, Master of this Lodge, for the way he rules it. The election passed off with the greatest harmony prevailing, and I believe elected an energetic and painstaking set of officers. There was no degree work, and at my request the W.M. and officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a perfect manner. V. W. Bro. H. C. Simpson keeps the books in a methodical and careful way, and the finances are well handled by V. W. Bro. O. J. Bridle. This Lodge is using the musical ritual prepared by R. W. Bro. Morgan, which, I believe, leaves a very distinct impression. Recently this Lodge has moved its quarters to the elegant blue lodge room in the Masonic Temple. At the close of the Lodge we adjourned to the banquetting room, where "A feast of reason and a flow of soul" ended a very enjoyable evening.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London: On the 9th of January, 1902, at the request of Acting Grand Master R. W. Bro. Judge Harding, I performed the pleasing

duty of dedicating the new Lodge room for this Lodge. I also on the same evening visited them officially. I was ably assisted by many past Grand Lodge officers, and Past Masters of my District. Was accompanied from St. Thomas by R. W. Bro. Dubber, and W. Bros. Roe and Caughell. The W.M., W. Bro. Davis, intended conferring the second degree, but as our time had been occupied by the dedication ceremony, at my request he did not do so, but from the manner in which he conducted the evening's business I have no doubt but that they can confer the degrees equally well. They are now comfortably located in their new quarters, Knights Templar Hall, corner Market Lane and Dundas streets. V. W. Bro. Essery, who is a Past Master of this Lodge, assisted me very much in securing Grand Lodge officers to assist on this occasion. The Secretary, Bro. Nicholls, performs his work in a very capable manner. Was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. John Simpson, P.D.D.G.M., on this occasion, he being a member of this Lodge. The dues are fairly well paid, some members being in arrears. At the close of the Lodge a very pleasant repast was prepared and several extremely good speeches were made by members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, many being past Grand Lodge officers, and altogether the evening concluded most happily.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley: I visited this Lodge on the evening of their regular meeting January 14th, 1902. The sleighing being good, a number of brethren assisted me by their presence, among whom were R. W. Bro. Dubber, W. Bro. Dr. Leitch, Dr. Edmunds, Bro. Meek and others. I was well received by W. Bro. Farr and members of St. Mark's Lodge, and was pleased to find them in such a prosperous condition. This Lodge is composed of good workers and true Masons, and seems to have taken a new life. A great many young men, the best in that section, are identifying themselves with the craft, and I look forward to a very successful future for this Lodge. The candidate for the third degree was not present, and the W.M. and officers opened and closed in the several degrees in a perfect manner, which justly called forth the eulogy from myself and other visitors. The Secretary is a very efficient one and looks well after the collection of dues. After

the Lodge business was concluded we adjourned to the Hotel Loney, where a beautiful fourth degree was prepared and a very pleasant hour was spent in the usual manner.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer: My official inspection was made January 22nd, 1902, accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. Leitch, of St. Thomas. It may be remembered that a very heavy snowfall took place that day, and at one time I thought it would be impossible to reach Aylmer, but after passing through many deep snow drifts we finally reached our destination. We were met by W. Bro. Burdick, the efficient Secretary, and after resting for a short time were conducted to the Lodge room. Was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. W. W. Rutherford, P. D.D.G.M., who introduced me. Owing to the illness of W. Bro. Ogilvie, the W.M., who was away for his health, I was received by W. Bro. Youell, the Acting W.M. There being no degree work, I requested him to open and close in the three degrees, which he and his officers did in a very creditable manner. Malahide has a very neat Lodge room, and its ante-rooms are well equipped. Am pleased to know that W. Bro. Ogilvie has returned much improved in health. The members of this Lodge are enthusiastic, harmony prevails, and their prospects bright. W. Bro. Burdick keeps a neat set of books, and the dues are well paid. This is the Lodge that shows "the height of hospitality." During the fourth degree W. Bro. Dr. Clark was acquainted by a telegram just received from one of the brethren that he had been elected in Toronto as Grand Superintendent of the Grand Chapter. The doctor gracefully acknowledged the high honor.

Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harietsville: At the request of the brethren of this Lodge I visited it at an emergency meeting February 12th, 1902. I was accompanied by Bro. Geo. Geddes, of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. No degree work was on hand, and at my request the W.M. opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees in a highly creditable manner. This Lodge meets in a very comfortable Lodge room, and the brethren take an active part in the work. The Lodge records show a small decrease. The Lodge is fortunate in having for

a Secretary Bro. S. E. Tacey. At the conclusion of the work in the blue room we were entertained in an adjoining hall to an oyster supper, after which W. Bro. Campbell, acting as toastmaster, proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which brought forth happy responses from the brethren present.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton: Visited this Lodge February 17th. Was met in London by Bro. Young, of St. John's, No. 20, who kindly accompanied me a distance of twelve miles through roads that were badly filled with snow. On arriving at the Lodge room I was very kindly received by the members and brethren. Was pleased to meet several brethren from Doric Lodge, Lobo. The W.M., W. Bro. Patrick, was suffering from a severe cold. I requested W. Bro. Ironsides, a Past Master, to pass a candidate to the Fellowcraft degree, which he did with impressiveness and accuracy. The other officers of the Lodge were in their respective places and did their work well. Some of the officers were backward and did not speak out, which was due to nervousness caused by the presence of the representative of the Grand Lodge. The Secretary, W. Bro. Mongar, looks after his work well, and the S.W., Bro. Bowey, delivered his lecture in a manner reflecting great credit on his Lodge. A pleasing feature of this meeting was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Ironsides, who was taking his departure for the west. The address was read by the Secretary on behalf of the Lodge, and W. Bro. Ironsides made a very fitting reply. This Lodge is holding its own, and I believe doing good work. We were afterwards entertained in a fitting manner at the Owens House.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth: I paid my official visit to this Lodge February 19th, accompanied by W. Bro. Henry Roe, P.M. St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44. This is the Mother Lodge of my predecessor, P.D.D.G. M. R. W. Bro. Thornicroft, who introduced me to the members of his Lodge in fitting terms. There was a large attendance of the brethren, and a 'bus load of the London brethren had driven out, among whom were V. W. Bro. Essery, W. Bros. O. Ellwood and Tancock, of St. John's, No. 20; W. Bro. John Lawson, Union, No. 380, and many others. On my arrival I was informed

they had two candidates for initiation, but later on the candidates could not be found and I had to content myself without seeing degree work. The W.M. and officers conducted the other work fairly well. On the 18th of June I again visited this Lodge for the purpose of performing the pleasing duty of presenting R. W. Bro. Thornicroft, on behalf of London District, No. 3, with the regalia of his rank. On this occasion a number of London brethren were present, among them being R. W. Bro. Cooper, St. John's, No. 209a, who was one of the committee appointed to purchase the regalia, also R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, St. John's, No. 209a, V. W. Bro. Essery, W. Bros. O. Ellwood, Lawson and Tancock. Was also pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Burleigh Burch, P.D.D.G.M., who is a member of this Lodge. On both occasions the visitors were well received, and the fourth degree was very pleasantly spent. Prospects of this Lodge are bright. Election of officers took place on my last visit, and I believe a competent set of officers were elected for the ensuing year.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: Visited this Lodge March 11th, accompanied by W. Bro. Henry Roe, and was well received. This is the oldest Lodge in the District. W. Bro. Tancock and officers conferred the second degree, and so far as I could understand, in an impressive manner. The work is not the regular authorized one, and I am not in a position to give an opinion as to the rendering of it. The financial condition of this Lodge is healthy, the officers take a deep interest in the work, and harmony prevails. V. W. Bro. M. D. Dawson is a very efficient Secretary, and looks well after the dues. Was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. A. B. Greer and a number of Past Masters. The social hour was very pleasantly spent.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford: Paid my official inspection to this Lodge April 16th, 1902. Was met in London by V. W. Bro. W. C. Fitzgerald and W. Bro. John Lawson, of Union, No. 380, and Bro. D. Bone, of St. John's, No. 209a, and driven a distance of twelve miles to Thamesford. All the officers were in their respective stations except the W.M., who since his election has changed his place of residence, being now a considerable distance from his Lodge. One of the Past

Masters took the East, and there being no degree work on, opened and closed in the several degrees in a competent manner. Bro. Clubb is a very efficient Secretary. This Lodge can boast of having one of the nicest Lodge rooms in the District. The brethren discuss the business transactions in a very fair way and with a great deal of vigor, and I am pleased to know that when the discussions have ended harmony prevails. Prospects fair. We were entertained in the Lodge to a sumptuous repast, after which many happy responses were given to the usual Masonic toasts. Was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Stewart, of Ingersoll, on this occasion.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: Visited this Lodge officially March 19th, accompanied by W. Bros. J. S. Robertson and Dr. Leitch, of St. Thomas, No. 44. I was received cordially by W. Bro. Jas. Balkwill. The third degree was conferred on Bro. Roberts by the W. M. and his able set of officers in a perfectly correct manner. The junior officers have the work at heart, and take an active interest in doing it perfectly. Was very much pleased with the Deacons' work, and can safely say they performed their duties second to no other in my District. This Lodge during the last few years has made rapid progress, due to the efforts of the present W.M., and other Past Masters. Their financial condition is improved, and I predict for them a very bright future. At their regular meeting three applications were presented. Was pleased to meet W. Bro. McKee and several other members of McColl Lodge, West Lorne, also R. W. Bro. Dr. Cascaden, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station. A happier and more harmonious lot of brethren is not anywhere else to be found.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont: This Lodge I visited March 21st, accompanied by W. Bro. Henry Roe. I did not acquaint this Lodge of my intended visit until the night previous, and there was only a fair attendance of its members. Was introduced by R. W. Bro. John Boyd, P.D.D.G.M. of London District, whom I was pleased to meet, and was received most cordially by the W.M., W. Bro. Lawson. A candidate was initiated by the W.M. and his officers in a very fair manner, which I criticized somewhat in a friendly way. In this Lodge

there seems to be a lack of application on the part of some of its officers. W. Bro. McMillan looks after the finances of the Lodge in good style, and keeps a neat and correct set of books. The Lodge is making a steady increase each year.

The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: I visited this Lodge April 7th, at their regular meeting. Was introduced by R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, P.G.S.W., and was cordially received on behalf of the Lodge by the W.M., W. Bro. McBride. Was pleased with the prompt manner in which the business of the Lodge was transacted and the feeling which existed among the brethren toward worthy charitable institutions. There was no degree work on hand. However, I have from my own knowledge no difficulty in certifying to the ability of the officers to perform the ceremonies with credit to themselves. I found the books of the Lodge neatly and correctly kept by Hon. Secretary, R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Brodrick, P.D.D.G.M. I am pleased to state that the Lodge has an excellent staff of officers, and their prospects are very bright. At the close of the evening's work an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where the Tuscan exemplified the fourth degree satisfactorily.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London: At my request the W.M., W. Bro. T. W. B. Eardley called an emergency meeting on April 11th, when I visited this Lodge. On the evening of my official visit the brethren from St. Thomas and other points in Elgin, to the number of 100, accompanied me by special train. I felt highly honored with my representative body guard on that occasion. On our arrival we were most cordially received by the W.M. and brethren. The W.M. requested the members of No. 209a to retire in order to accommodate so many visitors. There were 225 members registered that evening, being, I am creditably informed, the largest number ever registering at one Lodge meeting at the Temple. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, P.G.J.W., and R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, P.G.J.W., and was received with the usual formalities, coupled with some kind remarks by the W. M., who informed me he would offer for my inspection the third degree. This is the largest Lodge in the District, and I am

pleased to say its financial condition is good. The third degree was conferred according to the Irish ritual, which this Lodge and St. John's, No. 20, are permitted to do, in the presence of an immense number of brethren, several of whom had not had the pleasure of witnessing any previous work done in the Irish rite. The work was exemplified, as far as I could understand, in a perfect manner, being very impressive. The floor work is beautiful according to this ritual, and I believe every officer had his work up to the letter. The candidate answered the necessary questions with a great deal of ease, which reflected great credit on the brother who passed him. After the Lodge was closed an adjournment from 1 hour to refreshment was made to their fine banqueting room, and we enjoyed a sumptuous repast. Two or three hours were spent in that social and fraternal intercourse interspersed with speech and song which Masons so thoroughly know how to enjoy and appreciate. I shall remember with pleasure my visit to St. John's, No. 209a.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344: I visited this Lodge April 17th, W. Bro. John Lawson, Union, No. 380, driving me out with his beautiful turnout. Was given a very honorable reception by the W.M., W. Bro. Woods. There was not a large attendance of members, which, I believe, has been the case for the past couple of years. In this Lodge there seems to be two factions, one fighting the other in anything but a Masonic spirit. Several questions were submitted for my ruling, which I gave the W.M., and I have every reason to believe that the incoming Masonic year will see their differences amicably settled and the brethren of Merrill Lodge will become harmoniously united. I believe their difficulty arose on the night of their election of officers in 1901. Was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Capt. Robson, P.D.D. G.M., who initiated me into Masonry. We were afterwards entertained to a banquet at the hotel and a pleasant hour spent.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: On my return from Grand Lodge, after being elected D.D.G.M., I visited this, my Mother Lodge, and was pleased with the manner in which my brethren received the honor which had been bestowed upon one of their members. On April 22nd, 1902, accompanied by a number of St. Thomas

members and members from other places, I paid my official visit. There was a good turnout of members and visitors, and I was cordially received by the W.M., W. Bro. Edmunds. One candidate, Bro. Miller, was examined to give proof of his proficiency in the former degree, which he did very satisfactorily, and was afterwards raised to the third degree by W.M., assisted by W. Bro. Norman, in a neat and impressive manner. The W.M. has not been applying himself to the ritualistic work as he should, but the other officers filled their respective positions correctly. Bro. Cameron attends to the books in a neat style. On June 24th, 1902, I installed the officers, assisted by W. Bro. Couse, of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44. I also had the pleasure on that evening of presenting W. Bro. J. W. Miller, Tyler, on behalf of Warren Lodge, with a Past Master's apron. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition, having initiated three new members and received three new applications at their last regular meeting. Excellent officers are in the chairs, and I am happy to say good material to follow. It is the intention of the members to attend divine service on the afternoon of Sunday, July 6th, when W. Bro. Dr. Young, of St. Thomas, will address them.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London: I inspected this Lodge May 12th, accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. Leitch. Was received cordially by the W.M., being introduced by R. W. Bro. G. F. Morris, P.D.D.G.M. of No. 3 District. This Lodge has many able Masters, who appear to take a deep interest in the work and prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M., W. Bro. Maitland, conferred the first degree in a first-class manner, and received able assistance from the other officers of the Lodge. The books are properly kept by Bro. Ward, and the Lodge is in good financial position and doing good work. I healed Bro. Oscar Wangenheim, who deposited his application for affiliation with this Lodge. We were afterwards entertained in the banqueting hall.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: I visited this Lodge May 16th, 1902. Was introduced in a neat speech by V. W. Bro. J. H. Flock, and was well received by the W.M., W. Bro. Dr. New. Two brethren were raised to the third degree, one by the W.M. and the other by W. Bro. E. Paull, I.P.M. The degree was

conferred in a faultless manner, the subordinate officers being equally proficient. The Secretary, W. Bro. Overell, whose books I examined and found them neatly kept, is a good officer. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition. The visitors were entertained at the close of the proceedings in a manner worthy of the Kilwinning brethren.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown: Visited this Lodge May 20th, 1902, accompanied by W. Bro. John Lawson, Union Lodge, No. 380, I.P.M., and W. Bro. O. Ellwood, I.P.M., of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London. Was well received by W. Bro. Reid and the Nilestown brethren. Several visitors were present from Belmont and Merrill Lodges. The W.M. conferred the first degree on one candidate in an accurate manner, being fairly well supported by his subordinate officers. The W.M. is inclined to hurry his degree work somewhat, but will improve with practice. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition. After the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees I gave them some instruction, which was conferred in by the officers and members. The Secretary, W. Bro. McDougal, is efficient. After labor we were entertained in the Lodge room to refreshments.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanstown: I visited this Lodge on May 21st, being accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, St. John's, No. 290a, London, R. W. Bro. Richard, and W. Bro. Jas. Guest, of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale. Their Lodge room is very comfortable. Attendance was small. Was pleased to see a number of Past Masters present, who take a lively interest in the welfare of this Lodge. There was a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. informed me that he had not conferred any degrees and was unable to do so. Upon request W. Bro. Guest, I.P.M., of Mount Olivet Lodge, initiated the candidate in a correct manner, being assisted by V. W. Bro. R. Guest. This was the first time I had the pleasure of seeing my youngest brother "Jim" confer the degree work, and I was pleased with it. In regard to electing officers in this Lodge, I cannot too strongly condemn the practice of electing officers to positions that they cannot, or will not, fill properly. Merit alone should guide in this matter. The S.

W. was somewhat nervous. This Lodge has some new material which will make good officers. The instructions that I gave in the work were listened to attentively, and evidently appreciated.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: The circuit of my visitations was completed by visiting this Lodge. At my request the W.M., W. Bro. J. A. Kilpatrick, called an emergency meeting of this Lodge on June 6th, 1902, in order that I might inspect it. The W.M. and officers were in their respective places. Having seen this Lodge work on two previous occasions, and knowing the class of work they did, I expected it to be of the very highest quality, and my expectation was thoroughly gratified. One candidate, Bro. Baldwin, who I saw initiated in the presence of the Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Harding, was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason in a correct and impressive manner by the W.M., who is a close worker. This Lodge is the banner Lodge in my District in regard to increase in membership, their total increase during 1901 being 41. They have a snug little bank account, and prospects are bright. The Secretary, Bro. Lewis, keeps a set of books second to none in the District, being neat and accurate. A pleasing feature was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. C. Scrace, jr., by W. Bro. R. H. McConnell, I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge. Was pleased to see R. W. Bro. Dubber, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, P.D.D.G.M. of No. 3 District, Chairman of the Board of Education, also Bros. Mayor Chant and ex-Mayor Wright, St. Thomas, who are both members of this Lodge. We were entertained at the conclusion of the Lodge work in the banqueting hall, where many happy speeches were made.

In conclusion, the prosperity existing in the London district is largely due to the efforts of the conscientious, painstaking officers who have preceded me in the occupancy of this important office, nearly all of whom I had the honor of meeting, still laboring for its welfare.

In retiring from the chair permit me to express my thanks to the various Lodges for the uniform kindness with which they have greeted me and for the kindly assistance they have given me on all occasions. Any criticisms I have made were done in a conscientious,

kindly spirit, and for the betterment of the craft generally, and as such I feel they were received. The fraternal co-operation throughout the year has lightened the labors of the office, and the remembrance of their hospitality and brotherly reception will always be with me. I can only ask them to accept my sincere thanks.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK GUEST, M.D., D.D.G.M.,

London District, No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.		LOCATION.		Mem- bership.		Degree's			Meet- ings held.				Average attendance of members		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
					Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.									Regular.	Total.
289	Doric.....	Lobo.....	43	1				1	1	1		1	9	9	.....	22	\$ 90 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	\$1000 00		
344	Merrill....	Dorchester St'n	27	5					4			1	8	1	9	35	4	18 00	Jan. 23, '02	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00		
64	Kilwinning	London.....	172	1					7			4	13	3	16	35	\$75 00	.....	.....	Good	Yes	Insur'd	
380	Union.....	London.....	147	7					2			2	12	4	16	32	55	245 50	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Insur'd		
20	St. John's.	London.....	164						1			6	13	11	24	40	25	.....	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
388	Henderson	Idleton.....	40						2			12	12	12	15	20 00	10	.....	.....	Very fair	Good	Yes	Insur'd
379	Middlesex.	Bryanston ..	25									1	11	1	11	9	5 00	40 00	April 9, '02	Fair	Good	No	250 00		
42	St. George's	London	128	10					2			1	11	1	12	35	40 00	3	18 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Insur'd	
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	44	7								1	11	11	11	15	10 00	4	13 00	Feb. 5, '02	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
302	St. David's	St. Thomas ..	168	23					3			1	14	12	26	42	60 00	240 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	800 00		
44	St. Thomas'	St. Thomas ..	199	14					1			3	14	13	27	45	39 38	75 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	600 00		
330	Corinthian	London East.	116	6					2			1	13	1	14	38	50 00	60 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	1st class	Yes	800 00		
107	St. Paul's.	Lambeth.....	62						1			2	13	2	15	22	7 00	.....	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	550 00	
345	Nilestown.	Nilestown.....	26									1	12	12	10	.....	6	30 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Very bright	Yes	1200 00	
358	Del'wre V'y	Delaware.....	9	1								1	12	12	10	.....	6	30 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	750 00	
408a	St. John's.	London.....	204	7					10			1	12	12	10	10 00	19	70 75	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00		
394	King's Inn	Thamesford ..	63	3					5			3	11	11	22	45	47 80	25 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00		
232	Cameron ..	Dutton.....	48	6					1			1	12	12	18	52 00	19	90 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
140	Malahide.	Aylmer.....	94	7					1			1	10	2	12	12	none	22 50	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	34	4					1			1	13	2	15	24	25 00	3	18 10	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
399	Moffatt.....	Harrietsville..	22	5								2	12	3	15	13	.....	55 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00	
378	King's Inn	London.....	66	6								5	11	2	13	15	3	30 25	.....	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00	
195	The Tusco'd	London.....	71	3					8			2	12	1	13	30	40 00	75 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	2009 00		
94	St. Mark's.	Pt. Stanley.....	45	3					2			2	12	1	13	15	9	87 50	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	250 00		
171	Prin. Wales	Lawrence St'n	40	2								1	14	4	18	15	5 00	19 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Bright	Yes	100 00		
300	Mt. Olivet..	Thorndale.....	87						1			1	10	3	13	10	24	50 00	June 24, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	600 00		
												12	4	16	15	.....	2	12 00	June 24, '01	Very good	Bright	No	100 00	

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District for the past year. I wish to return my sincere thanks to the representatives of the District, who at the last Communication of Grand Lodge conferred on me the honor of electing me by acclamation to the high, important and responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master, and express to them my appreciation of the same, as well as my gratitude for the kind treatment accorded me whilst paying my official visits, a right royal reception being tendered me on each and every occasion.

I am pleased to be able to report that I have found the District in a very prosperous condition, with an increasing membership and interest in Masonry, and a desire on the part of the officers and members of the different Lodges, not only to perfect themselves in the work, but to live up to the high standard of moral excellence inculcated by Masonic teachings.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. H. J. D. Cook, I.P.M., of Zurich Lodge, No. 224, District Secretary, and I gratefully acknowledge the faithful manner in which he has discharged the several duties pertaining to the office. A more zealous and expert brother it would be hard to find.

Lodge of Instruction.—In accordance with the recommendation of my predecessor in office, I held one Lodge of Instruction under the auspices of Britannia Lodge, No. 170, in the town of Seaforth. There was a fair representation from the whole District. I was particularly fortunate in securing an "information" committee, composed of the following

eminent brethren, viz.: R. W. Bro. Dewitt Martin, R. W. Bro. McLellan, R. W. Bro. Shaw, R. W. Bro. Munroe, and W. Bro. Elliott, acting secretary, to whom all questions arising during the exemplification of the degrees was referred and a ruling given, a copy of the questions and the rulings given being afterwards submitted to the R.W. the Acting Grand Master, and confirmed by him, was neatly type written by the District Secretary and distributed to all the Lodges in the District. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Cock and the officers of Zurich Lodge, No. 224. The work done showed the great care the officers of this Lodge exercise in getting up the work. The floor work was almost perfect. The lecture in the South was admirably rendered. Owing to a misunderstanding, the second degree had to be omitted. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Mallion, of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford. The ceremonial was well rendered and the officers were complimented on their excellent performance. In the room and instead of the second degree, the Past Masters' degree was exemplified by Past D.D.G.M. Bro. D. E. Munroe, with R. W. Bro. Dewitt Martin occupying the West, and R. W. Bro. McLellan the South. I was not surprised when I found a diversity of opinion as regards certain portions of the work in this very important degree. I am satisfied from what I have seen that no Lodge of Instruction has fulfilled its mission if this degree is neglected, and the one exemplified on this occasion will go far in harmonizing the rendition of the work in this district.

Dispensations.—During my term of office I have granted dispensations to the following Lodges to attend divine service clothed as Masons, viz.: Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan, service 22nd of June; Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter, 26th of June; Zurich Lodge, No. 224, service 29th of June. I had the pleasure of attending the latter service and listening to an eloquent, edifying and instructive sermon by the Bro. Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Henderson, of Carmel Presbyterian Church.

New Lodge.—Whereas an humble petition was presented from certain brethren in the village of Monkton, in the County of Perth, praying for letters of dispensation to open a new Lodge in that place, and the same

being properly recommended by the two nearest Lodges, Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, and Bernard Lodge, Listowel, and after satisfying myself as to the advisability of establishing this new Lodge, I forwarded the same with my recommendation to the R.W. the Acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, who was graciously pleased to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and I was commanded by the R.W. the Acting Grand Master to act as his deputy and open the same. Accordingly, on the 4th day of July I attended at the aforesaid place, and assisted by W. Bro. Elliott and W. Bro. Mooney, of Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, and W. Bro. Stewart, of Bernard Lodge, Listowel, attended by a large number of the brethren from these Lodges, I had the honor of arranging and opening this new Lodge, to be known by the name of Elma Lodge, in due form.

The Fraternal Dead.—I regret to have to report that the mortality in the District has been greater than in the preceding year, the following deaths having been reported: W. Bro. Ferguson, Irving Lodge, No. 154. Lucan; Bro. E. A. Cawsey, Stratford Lodge, No. 332; Bro. John Pope, Zurich Lodge, No. 224; Bro. R. C. C. Tremaine, Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133.

Official Visitations.—All the Lodges in the District have been visited by me, with the exception of St. James' Lodge, No. 73. An unfortunate complication in my building operations prevented me attending on the date set, and it was too late to arrange another. The following is a resume of my visitations in the order in which they were made:

Mitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich: I visited this old and historical Lodge at an emergent meeting kindly called for me on the evening of January 21st, accompanied by W. Bro. Cook, the District Secretary, and was enthusiastically received by a large assemblage of brethren. They now occupy their large and commodious new hall with every arrangement for the convenience of the work and the comfort of the members. I was pleased to meet with my genial friend, R. W. Bro. Beck, P.D.D.G.M., also R. W. Bro. Ratcliffe, the latter, although well stricken in years, and nearly blind, takes an active interest in the work and sets an example of regularity in attending the Lodge meetings that might

be copied with profit by many of the younger members. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Tye and his staff of officers in a very creditable manner. I found the books well kept, Lodge dues well paid up, the property insured, and in fact everything in connection with the Lodge bearing evidence of prosperity, with harmony prevailing. The brethren excell in the fourth degree.

I visited Blythe Lodge, No. 303, on the evening of January 30th. The attendance was small. I found the W.M., W. Bro. Wheeler, who exemplified the first degree, and opened and closed in the several degrees, well up with the work. The lack of interest reported last year seems to continue, and it appears to me that the cause of the depression is the lack of work. The Lodge possesses a proficient Master and capable Secretary in the person of V. W. Bro. Hamilton, as well as a goodly number of enthusiastic members, who, if they support the present Master in the way they should, and which I tried to impress them with the duty of so doing, I have good hopes that the present season of depression will be only temporary. The finances of the Lodge are in excellent shape, with dues well paid up.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton: I visited this old established Lodge at their regular meeting on the evening of the 28th of February. Although the roads were almost impassable, there was a fair attendance of the brethren. Among others, I had the pleasure of meeting with my esteemed friend R. W. Bro. Shaw, to whom I believe the Lodge owes much for its present efficient condition. The Lodge was opened up in the three degrees and the third exemplified. W. Bro. Hoover has the work well in hand, and is ably supported by the subordinate officers. In fact, the work was done in such a manner as to leave little or no room for criticism. The finances are in a healthy state. The books are well kept by a capable Secretary, Bro. Porter, who handles the business of his office in an admirable manner. No better Secretary in the District.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth: I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting the first Monday in March, on the twenty-seventh anniversary of its dedication. The attendance was disappointingly small considering the size of the Lodge, which fact would lead me

to believe that the great interest in Masonry that was conspicuous in former years has suffered a decline. I know the material is there, with excellent watchmen on the towers, in the persons of R. W. Bro. Hodgins, V. W. Bro. Ballantine and R. W. Bro. J. H. Reid, who have always manifested the greatest interest in the welfare of this Lodge. I hope to see a renewal of the old enthusiasm before long. Two candidates were initiated. The W.M., W. Bro. McDonald and his staff of officers performed their several parts in a very creditable manner. The finances are in a flourishing condition. The books well kept. The Lodge room and furniture unsurpassed in the District.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan: I visited this really interesting Lodge on the night of their regular meeting, March 20th. There was a very fair attendance of enthusiastic brethren. Unfortunately the W.M., Dr. Lang, was called away on a professional visit, consequently the work was undertaken by two of the P.M's present, viz., W. Bros. Fox and Murdy. The first degree and the opening and closing in the second and third was done in a very creditable manner, the work of the Senior and Junior Wardens being particularly good, the lecture on the tracing board by the Brother Junior Warden being very fine and faultlessly rendered. A few corrections in the floor work was made and cheerfully agreed to by the officers of the Lodge. The Lodge is well furnished and neatly kept. The books and accounts are also well kept by an efficient secretary, with dues well paid up. The fourth degree was elaborate, and the intellectual treat at the conclusion reflected the greatest credit on all those who participated.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill: I visited this Lodge at an emergent meeting kindly called by the W.M. on the evening of the 21st March. W. Bro. Simpson occupied the East and exemplified the first degree, also the opening and closing in several degrees. Considering this being the W.M's maiden effort, the work done was very satisfactory, and with a little practice the W. Bro. will, I believe, do excellent work. A few minor defects in the floor work were pointed out and corrected. The books of the Lodge are kept in excellent shape by their indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Hutchins. Dues well paid up and property insured.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, N. Hamburg: I visited this Lodge on the evening of the 31st of March. The roads and weather being very bad, and a goodly number of the brethren belonging being at a distance, the attendance was not as large as it would have been under more favorable conditions. The brethren occupy a neat and commodious room, with excellent furniture. The work of the evening was the conferring of the third degree, which W. Bro. Styckles, assisted by W. Bros. Holley and Smith, performed in a very creditable manner. The only drawback seems to be a want of practice, which shows in the hesitating manner in which the work was performed. If they apply the remedy which I pointed out, there is nothing to hinder this Lodge to do work second to none in the District. I found the Lodge property insured, the books well kept by W. Bro. Braser, and the finances in good shape. I found that the brethren excelled in the fourth degree, both in the materialistic and the intellectual capacity. The hour spent around the festive board was a very happy one.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden: I visited this Lodge on the evening of April 1st, and was very enthusiastically received by the brethren. This is not a large Lodge, and although the evening was stormy there was a fair attendance, even better, according to their numerical strength, than I found in some of the larger Lodges. They fully expected to have a candidate for initiation, but as is very often the case, the unexpected happened, and the application was rejected. The W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees. The work was fairly well done, although it was evident to me that all the officers were not nearly up to their best for want of practice. I tried to impress this upon them, and advised, in the absence of regular work, to have a rehearsal of at least one of the degrees at their regular meetings so as to keep up the interest in the Lodge work. The fourth degree was elaborate, and the best of good cheer prevailed. I was pleased to meet with W. Bro. Holwell, with whom I have had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge on different occasions. W. Bro. Holwell is one of the pillars of Wilmot Lodge.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford: I visited this prominent Lodge, by request of the W.M., on the even-

ing of the 18th of April. I was extremely well pleased to meet with such a large and enthusiastic assemblage of the brethren as met me on that occasion, actually the largest that met in any Lodge in the District. A delegation from Tuscan Lodge, Sarnia, was expected to meet and fraternize with the Tecumseh brethren, but from some unaccountable reason at the time this meeting did not materialize. W. Bro. Mallion conferred the third degree on a candidate in excellent form. The officers were, one and all, well up with their work; in fact, if I were so disposed, there was no room for criticism. The Lodge room, in which both the Stratford Lodges meet, is a model for the comfort and convenience of the brethren, as well as for the practice of our ceremonies. A noticeable and commendable feature of the meeting was the way in which the brethren of these two distinct Lodges meet and fraternize with one another. It would appear that they are striving to carry out the Scriptural injunction to a logical conclusion, each striving to prefer the other, hence we find harmony and concord prevailing. The finances are well looked after by a capable Secretary, Bro. Brookes. The fourth degree was sumptuous, which was done ample justice to, after which a pleasant hour or two was profitably spent in speech and song. Thus ended a very happy meeting with the brethren of both Lodges in the Classic city.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford: I visited this large and influential Lodge on the night of their regular meeting, May 12th. A political demonstration being in progress in the city on that evening, it had a marked influence in reducing the attendance at our meeting, but it speaks volumes for the brethren, that despite their political leanings they gave a good average attendance, showing conclusively that their Masonic devotion and loyalty was even more pronounced than their political leanings. A very pleasing feature of the business part of the meeting was the election by acclamation of R. W. Bro. McKellar as an honorary member of the Lodge, with full privileges. I found W. Bro. Mayberry a good, conscientious Master, able and willing to do the work, and well supported by his officers. One candidate was initiated. The work was well done and reflected credit on all the officers. The charge was particularly well

rendered by R. W. Bro. McLellan, one of the pillars of the Lodge, as was also the Junior Warden's lecture in the South. The business part of the Lodge is well attended to by their new and energetic Secretary, W. Bro. Cassels. In the fourth degree the material was excellent, but the intellectual predominated.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell: I visited this Lodge on the evening of their regular meeting, May the 20th. I found a goodly number of the brethren present. I was pleased to meet with my esteemed friend, W. Bro. Elliott, who rendered such signal service on the information bureau at the Lodge of Instruction in Seaforth. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Mooney in a very creditable manner. The officers appear to be well up with their work, the finances are satisfactory, dues paid up, and it may truly be said that this Lodge is prosperous.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter: I visited this Lodge on the evening of their regular meeting, June 16th. The attendance was large, showing the interest the brethren take in Masonic work. This Lodge has had the reputation of doing good work for many years, and I am pleased to report that the same satisfactory state of affairs still continues. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Carling and his able staff of officers in an almost perfect manner. The Senior Warden delivered the lecture in a very impressive manner. The Lodge which the brethren now occupy, and into which they have recently moved, is a model for the exemplification of the work. The finances are in good shape, and the Secretary, W. Bro. Sanders, W. Bro. Geo. McLeod, V. W. Bro. Stewart and others form strong pillars in supporting the W.M. in carrying on and maintaining the interest in the work.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith's Hill. According to appointment, I visited this Lodge on the evening of June 18th, accompanied by W. Bro. P. M. Daig, of Zurich Lodge. After a pleasant and exciting drive among the hills and dales of this fair locality, in which we lost our way and arrived late, we were received by the brethren of this far famed Lodge with marked respect and hospitality. I had the pleasure of seeing W. Bro. Young confer the second degree on a well prepared

candidate in a very impressive manner. The Senior Warden's work was good, and the lecture in the West perfect. The Junior Warden and Senior Deacon are new officers, and I make all allowance for their work not being up to the standard of perfection as required by the Lodge. The finances are in good shape, dues well paid, and the books well kept. The fourth degree was worked out according to their traditional custom.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall: I visited this Lodge on the evening of June 19th. This being my Mother Lodge, in which I was made a Mason in the spring of 1889, I am consequently in a position to report on the rise and progress that has been made in the intervening period. At that time the Lodge was in such a dormant state that the surrender of our charter was seriously contemplated. To-day this Lodge stands in the front ranks of the District, thanks to the noble band of untiring and zealous brethren who had charge of the work for the last number of years and who were ably supported by the brethren in general. This should encourage Lodges that are placed in similar circumstances, to persevere in the good work. As I have had an opportunity of witnessing the work in this Lodge at all their meetings, and as the candidate, who is a medical man, was called away on business, no work was required. However, I am pleased to report that all the officers are thoroughly up with their work from the W.M. down to the minor officers. It is not enough for an officer to be nearly perfect, but he must be perfect, and no other work is tolerated. The brethren are all interested in the welfare of the Lodge, and the finances are flourishing.

In conclusion I desire to thank those brethren who have so ably assisted in the discharge of my official duties as D.D.G.M. I have been most loyally received and hospitably entertained in every Lodge in which I have visited, and I bespeak for my successor in office, whoever he may be, the same fraternal kindness and courtesy which I have received as the representative of the M.W., the Grand Master of Grand Lodge. The memory of the many pleasant hours spent with the brethren in the different Lodges will be forever indelibly im-

pressed on my memory, and in bidding a fraternal adieu
I wish you one and all God-speed.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEO. T. MCKAY, D.D.G.M.,
South Huron District, No. 4.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in North Huron District for the past year.

General Remarks.—I wish to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred on me in electing me to this important and responsible office, and express my gratitude to the brethren throughout the District for the kind, courteous and true Masonic treatment accorded me on every occasion during my whole term of office. While I appreciate highly the courtesy and kindness that has been extended to me by the brethren of the District, I must say I feel more grateful when I know their actions are an indication of their loyalty to Grand Lodge and were actuated by a true Masonic spirit, to show their loyalty to the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I visited every Lodge in the District once. It has been my earnest endeavor to have accuracy and uniformity in the work, and have every officer speak out clearly and distinctly so as to impress indelibly on the mind of every candidate and brother the sacredness and dignity of Masonry, so that the teachings that are there exemplified may sink deep into their hearts and minds and bear fruit in every action of their lives. I am glad to report I have found the work creditably done with uniformity throughout the District.

I wish to thank the Secretaries of the different Lodges for being punctual in sending me notices of the meetings during the year. I endeavored to notify the Secretaries in ample time of the date of my official visits, and am happy to report that every Lodge in the District contributed very liberally of their own free will to my expenses.

Lodge of Instruction.—Through the courtesy of Bernard Lodge, Listowel, I was enabled to hold a Lodge of Instruction at Listowel on Thanksgiving Day, November, 1901. Of the nineteen Lodges in the District seven were represented. I was disappointed that more of the brethren did not avail themselves of the opportunity of attending. I was assisted by R. W. Bros. J. Nixon and Lieut.-Col. D. D. Campbell, whose kindness and assistance I greatly appreciated. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. C. Lount and officers of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton; the second by W. Bro. Sheppard and officers of Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley, and the third by W. Bro. J. Edgar and officers of Forest Lodge, Chesley. The ceremonial in each case was admirably rendered, and the Lodges concerned were complimented on their excellent work. At the close of each degree questions thereon were submitted to and answered by a committee composed of R.W. brethren present and myself. The brethren of Bernard Lodge were, on this occasion as well as former ones, unremitting in their efforts to render the occasion an enjoyable one.

Correspondence.—I have to acknowledge the promptness with which my inquiries have been replied to in this connection. I am under obligation to R. W. Bro. Harding, Acting Grand Master, for his courtesy and assistance, apart from the formal sanction required for the purpose of the District Lodge of Instruction. I have issued the following dispensations to enable the Lodges named to appear in procession, clothed as Masons, for the purpose of attending Divine service: One to Wingham, No. 286, and one to Old Light, No. 184, and have duly remitted the fees therefor to the Grand Secretary.

Arrears of Dues.—The number of members in arrears for dues continues to be noticeable, but the Secretaries have taken up the matter and are getting them reduced.

Deaths.—During my term of office I have been officially notified of but one. Bro. Thomas Adair, St. Lawrence, Southampton, Lodge No. 131.

Official Visitations.—January 20th, 1902, visited Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara. I installed the officers for the ensuing year. The Lodge is in a good financial

state. The new officers are all well skilled. The Master and his officers did the opening and closing in the three degrees very satisfactory. I have since learned they are doing good work. The brethren have a very cheery meeting place, and the progress they have made will continue under the guidance of R. W. Bro. Bruce and Dr. Wilson, and V. W. Bro. MacDonald. These brethren have the welfare of the Lodge at heart. At the conclusion of the Lodge proceedings I enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren at a splendid banquet at the Queen's Hotel, at which a couple of hours were enjoyably spent.

Visited Moravian Lodge, No. 43, Eden Grove, on the 24th January, 1902. Several of the brethren accompanied me from Walkerton. P. M. Bro. Sirrs conferred the first degree in a manner which conferred credit on himself. He was ably assisted by the other officers of this Lodge. This is a comparatively young Lodge, but it is making good progress and has a bright future before it. R. W. Bro. T. Pinkerton is a member, and he keeps a fatherly eye over the affairs of it. Addresses were given by visitors and myself. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are neatly kept. The banquet which followed was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Visited Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham. W. Bro. H. O. Ball opened in the three degrees and conferred the third degree, assisted by R. W. Bro. Morton. They were ably assisted by the other officers. The work was exceedingly well done, many points of interest were discussed, and a profitable time spent. I examined the books of the Secretary, which I found in splendid form, which anyone knowing the Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, might expect to find, for he does everything up-to-date. At the conclusion of their Lodge refreshments were served in their rooms adjoining the Lodge, where a pleasant hour was spent. It being stormy, there was not as large a turnout as there would have been otherwise.

Visited Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine, February 5th, 1902. It was a very stormy night, so the attendance was not as large as it would have been had it been fine. Northern Light is the oldest Lodge in the District, and bears an enviable reputation for good work.

which on the night of my visit was duly upheld by W. Bro. M. J. McPherson, the Master, who conferred the third degree in a very efficient manner. He was ably assisted by the other officers of the Lodge. I examined the books of Bro. R. D. Hall, Secretary, and V. W. Bro. E. Fox, Treasurer, which are models of perfection. R. W. Bros. D. H. Martyn and J. H. Scott are members of this Lodge, to whom I am indebted for many acts of kindness. At the conclusion of the Lodge a pleasant hour was spent in the banqueting hall.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: Accompanied by W. Bro. Marshall, of Saugeen Lodge, I visited Bruce Lodge officially at their regular meeting on February 18th, 1902. It being a very stormy night, the brethren who were expected from Kincardine could not get over. The brethren of Bruce Lodge turned out well, considering the weather. There were two candidates for initiation. W. Bro. J. S. Evans, a zealous P.M., initiated the first candidate, when he was called away on professional business. W. Bro. Marshall initiated the other, assisted by the officers of the Lodge. The work by the Master was very creditably done; some of the officers need brushing up. I then addressed the meeting and gave the brethren some pointers, for which they thanked me. There are quite a number of P.M.'s, who look after the material things of the Lodge. I examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, which are well kept. At the close of the meeting we repaired to the Commercial Hotel, where an inviting spread had been prepared by Bro. J. G. Walker, when a pleasant hour was spent.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: On February 20th, 1902, I made my official visit, accompanied by Bros. McIntyre, Richardson, Collins and Johnstone from Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton. This meeting was the largest of any of my official visits. The officers of the Lodge are young energetic Masons. The degree was conferred by the Master, W. Bro. A. H. Ridout and his officers, which reflect credit on them all. W. Bro. J. T. Lillie, the Secretary, is an efficient officer. His books are well and neatly kept, and I think a great deal of the success of the Lodge is due to him, also Bro. J. A. Chapman, the Treasurer. I impressed the brethren there, as at all my meetings, with the necessity of

punctuality and regularity of attendance, and of perfecting the ritualistic part of the ceremony and other points. P. M. Bro. McAuly, of St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton, also addressed the meeting. There were other brethren from Southampton present also. At the close of the meeting the brethren retired to the Queen's Hotel, where a pleasant hour was spent at a banquet prepared by Bro. D. J. Izzard, and brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: Paid an official visit to this Lodge on February 21, 1902. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees. There were two raisings. The work in the East was divided up between P. M. Bros. Shepperd, Barrett and McIntyre, who are all skilled brethren. They were ably assisted by the other officers of the Lodge, and I took occasion to compliment the P.M. and officers on their efficiency, and I was endorsed by R. W. Bro. T. Pinkerton, to whom I am especially grateful for his kindness in coming over from Pinkerton to bid me welcome, also the brethren who came with him. The Secretary, P.M. W. Barnett, is attentive to his duties, his book is neat and complete. At the close of the Lodge a pleasant hour was spent in refreshments and social intercourse.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: I visited this Lodge on the regular meeting night, February 25th, 1902. There were about 30 of the members present. This is the second oldest Lodge in the District. They have a very nice Lodge room, furnished with all the requirements for a Lodge, all of which they own. The work of the evening was an initiation. The W.M., W. Bro. P. Scott, and an active staff of officers, conferred this in a very creditable manner. They were ably assisted by Past Masters, who take an active part in the work of the Lodge. The lecture by Bro. D. Ross reflected great credit on him, as he is quite a young Mason. He is Secretary of the Lodge, and his books are models of perfection. At the conclusion of the work I addressed the meeting on punctuality and regularity of meeting, extreme care in the admission of a candidate, the perfecting of the ritual on the part of the officers. At the close of the Lodge a short time was spent in refreshments.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: On March 3rd, 1902, I paid my official visit and received a most cordial welcome. The attendance was large. This is one of the strongest Lodges in the District. This was an emergency meeting which W. Bro. J. H. Stewart convened for my convenience. As there was no particular business for the evening the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a very accurate manner. I felt perfectly satisfied with this, knowing the capable members they have in the Lodge. I examined the Secretary's books and found them satisfactory. I have to thank Bros. Campbell, Bimming, Morphy and others for their kindness during my visit. At the close of the Lodge a social hour was spent in refreshments and song, which closed a very pleasant gathering.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels: Visited this Lodge on March 4th, 1902. I received a very cordial welcome from the brethren. This was an emergency meeting, which the W.M. called for my convenience. There were about 25 present. Not having any work for that evening the Lodge opened and closed in the several degrees by W.M. Bro. J. Wright. I must say I highly appreciate the manner in which the opening and closing was done. I examined the books of the Secretary, Bro. J. Irwin, which are well kept. There were a number of the brethren in arrears. The Secretary and I had a talk over the matter, and I advised him to see the brethren, and if this had not the desired effect to summons them to show cause or be suspended. At the close of the Lodge a pleasant hour was spent.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: I paid my official visit on March 6th. W. Bro. D. H. Gordon, the W.M., raised one brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a very creditable manner. He was assisted by W. Bro. Paterson. All the officers did their work well. I took occasion to compliment the Deacons for the manner in which they did their work. The S.D. spoke out clearly and distinctly, which part of the work I think is very essential. I have to thank R.W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, P.D.D.G.M., who came over from Kincardine on that evening, and whose presence I greatly appreciated. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition, having just moved into new quarters, of which everything is up to date, good Lodge room and ante-

room, with large banqueting hall. V. W. Bro. H. Days, the Secretary, is a painstaking officer, and does everything in a businesslike manner. R. W. Bro. J. T. Tennant, P.D.D.G.M., who was not in the best of health at the time of my visit, was unremitting in his efforts to make my visit pleasant. At the close of the Lodge a short time was spent in the refreshment room.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: This being my own Lodge, and always making it my duty and pleasure to attend its meetings regularly, I have had opportunity of noticing the character of the work done and of observing the capabilities of the officers and members. There was a good attendance of the members and a few visiting brethren. There were two passings and one raising. The second degree was carefully exemplified by the regular officers. The third was also exemplified by V. W. Bros. Harris and Munro. This was done also in a manner reflecting credit on them, who are both well skilled Masons. I was pleased to notice R. W. Bro. F. Goodier, P.D.D.G.M., Havelock Lodge, No. 238, present and assisting in the work. At the conclusion I addressed the meeting, pointing out to some of the young officers the need of perfecting the work of the ritual and other points of interest. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are carefully and accurately kept. At the close of the Lodge the fourth degree was exemplified in honor of my visit.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: I visited this Lodge on its regular meeting night, March 17, 1902. This is the third oldest Lodge in the District. I had not previously met any of the members Masonically, so I was required to establish my right to recognition and my identity with the craft. W. Bro. J. Davison, W.M., opened and closed the several degrees and worked the first degree. The work was creditably well done by the W.M. and his officers, considering the amount of work they have to do. At the conclusion of the work I addressed the brethren upon punctuality and regularity in attendance, and the perfecting of the ritualistic part of the work. The books of the Secretary, W. Bro. T. Brown, are all up to date, and he takes a lively interest in the Lodge work. The attendance was very good, there being about 15 present. At the close a short time was spent socially.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: I visited this Lodge on its regular meeting night, March 28th, 1902. I was accompanied by three of the brethren from Walkerton. This Lodge is laboring under rather trying circumstances, as many of their members are railway employes their attendance cannot be relied upon. Much credit is due to W. Bro. Dr. D. Stewart and the officers of the Lodge for their zeal in keeping the Lodge together, although I think a brighter future is before them. Since my visit they have initiated one candidate, and another is balloted for. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, which was well done by the W.M., W. Bro. I. Farquharson and his officers, considering the disadvantages they are working under. W. Bro. D. Stewart, the senior P.M., is well skilled, and takes an active part in the affairs of the Lodge. The Secretary, Bro. James Gallagher, is a painstaking officer, and looks well after his department of the work. I addressed the brethren on points interesting to the Lodge, and encouraged them to keep on and success would be their reward. Bro. Cheswright, from Sauguen, Walkerton, also addressed them and spoke encouragingly to them. At the close of the Lodge a banquet was served at the Hotel Vendome, where a pleasant time was spent. The attendance was small on account of the weather. My brethren and I had to drive 16 miles in the rain.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: I made my visit to this Lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. Munro, and Bros. Bundy, Richardson, Collins and McIntyre, on its regular meeting night, April 1st, 1902. This Lodge has been without a Master for the last six months, he having moved away from Chesley, but the work of the Lodge has been well looked after by the P.M.'s, Bros. Dr. Stewart, C. J. Mickle, W. T. Ross and Jos. Adams, and the other officers of the Lodge. The work for the evening was an initiation, W. Bro. C. J. Mickle in the chair. The first degree was conferred in an excellent manner, all the officers doing their work well. The books of the Secretary, Bro. Halliday, are neat and correct, and also the Treasurer's book. I considered it a compliment of R. W. Bro. Wilson, of Tara, P.D.D.G.M., who came over on this occasion. The prospects for the Lodge

are bright in the thriving town of Chesley. We were entertained to the fourth degree in a manner worthy of Forest Lodge at the Windsor Hotel.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: Visited at the regular meeting, April 22, 1902. There was a good turnout of the brethren. The work of initiation was performed in a most charming manner by W. Bro. A. Baines. His support from the officers was absolutely faultless. I have never heard the lecture from the South more impressively given than on that occasion. Bro. S. E. Foster himself was proud of the Lodge. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are models of neatness. This is one of the most prosperous Lodges in the District, and I think it has a bright future before it. I shall not soon forget my visit to Wiarton. At the close of the meeting an enjoyable and delicious repast was served in the Lodge room. I am indebted to R. W. Bro. J. Walmsley and W. M. W. J. Ferguson for courtesies and kindness during my visit.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: I visited this Lodge on April 23. This being an emergency meeting, there was a small attendance, and as there was no particular work and so few members present, I contented myself by the W. M., W. Bro. Sutherby, opening and closing in the three degrees, which he and his officers did in a very creditable manner. The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment. I then addressed the meeting and tried to impress upon them the necessity of being punctual and regular in attendance. This Lodge is very young and its prospects are very good. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are neat and well looked after. The property is beautiful and completely equipped, and the Lodge is doing very good work. I see by the returns it has paid out \$40 for relief. I am indebted to Bro. Harry Barltrop for attention during my visit. At the close we repaired to the hotel, where a sumptuous repast was spread and a pleasant hour was spent there.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: Visited this Lodge on April 25, 1902. There was not a large turnout, as the W. M., by some means, did not get my notice of coming, so the brethren were not notified of my visit. The Lodge was opened in the several degrees by the W.

M. and his officers in a very creditable manner, and exemplified the first degree. I was very well pleased with the manner in which the work was done. They have a number of good lively Masons and quite a number of young men coming to the fore. They are well supported by the P.M's, who takes an active interest in the work. W. Bro. Dr. Spence and Bro. Brown are prominent among them. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are in good shape. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchinson, the Secretary, is a painstaking officer. At the close a pleasant hour was spent.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432: Visited this Lodge on its regular meeting night, June 20th, 1902, accompanied by half a dozen brethren from Walkerton. This Lodge has not made any progress this last year, owing to a disastrous fire in their town, from which they are just recovering, but the prospects are better for the future. On the night of my visit quite a number of the brethren were unavoidably absent. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Hon. Dr. Landerkin, P.D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Stone, the W.M., and his staff of officers performed the routine of the several degrees and also initiated a candidate. The ceremonies in all respects were well rendered and reflected great credit upon the Lodge. The lecture from the South was faultless. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are correctly kept. At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served and a half hour socially spent.

In conclusion I must thank the brethren in the District for the kind assistance they have voluntarily given me in the performance of my duties as D.D.G.M of North Huron District, No. 5.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY CLARK, D.D.G.M.

North Huron District, No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the Work done in North Huron District No. 5, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem- bership		Degree's Conf'd			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
				Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.					Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
93	North'n L't	Kincardine...	89	7	13	6	5	1	1	3	10	1	14	8	22	29	\$21 00	2	\$ 6 50	June, 1901	\$ 1934 51	Good	Yes	\$2000 00
131	St. Lavr'ce	Southampton...	53	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	5	16	12	.....	5	20 00	Dec., 1901	Good	Yes	none.
162	Forest....	Wroxeter....	25	6	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	.....	9	9	10	9	10 00	.....	.....	Jan. 22, '02	Good	Yes	800 00
184	Old Light..	Lucknow....	69	4	2	19	16	14	1	2	.....	14	12	25	25	10 00	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	800 00	
197	Saugen....	Walkerton...	64	4	4	5	5	5	4	.....	3	13	13	17	.....	7	41 25	June, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00	
235	Bernard....	Listowel....	87	9	8	4	3	2	1	3	5	2	14	11	15	18	27 00	6	54 00	Jan. 15, '01	Fair	Yes	800 00	
235	Aldworth..	Paisley....	40	7	5	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	1	9	12	.....	17	106 25	June 24, '01	Good	Yes	none.
276	Teeswater..	Teeswater....	22	2	5	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	3	10	20	.....	12	38 93	June 24, '01	Fair	Yes	300 00
284	St. John's..	Brussels....	56	1	5	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	11	15	20	.....	10	75 00	June 27, '01	Fair	Yes	none.
286	Wingham...	Wingham....	68	13	12	11	17	2	3	.....	.....	.....	11	7	18	18	58 00	8	83 00	June 24, '01	Good	Yes	Yes.
331	Fordwich...	Fordwich....	30	4	4	4	4	5	1	1	4	1	12	13	21	16	.....	8	72 00	June 24, '01	Good	Yes	600 00
341	Bruce.....	Tiverton....	22	4	6	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	4	.....	5	14 00	April 9, '02	Fair	Yes	600 00	
362	Maple Leaf	Tara.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	500 00
383	Forest.....	Chesley....	31	2	2	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	9	9	.....	.....	9	46 25	.....	.....	.....	Yes	600 00
395	Cedar.....	Wiarion....	83	5	4	2	3	4	3	.....	.....	.....	12	14	23	138 00	5	35 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	200 00	
429	Port Elgin..	Port Elgin...	47	7	7	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	4	17	13	5 00	1	39 50	Dec., '01	Good	No	Yes
431	Moravian...	Eden Grove..	44	5	5	5	5	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	5	18	12	.....	13	36 75	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Yes	300 00
432	Hanover....	Hanover....	40	2	2	4	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	2	12	15	.....	30 00	June 24, '01	Indiffer't	Yes	Yes	400 00
436	Burns.....	Hepworth....	29	3	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	2	10	14	40 00	.....	.....	April 16, '01	Good	Yes	400 00

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL S:R AND BRETHREN :

It is with great pleasure that I submit this my official report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District, No. 6. Being unavoidably absent from the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (until time of installation), I desire herein to thank the brethren of my District for the great honor conferred in electing me to this high office, especially as it was quite unsolicited, and in fact unexpected, and for this reason I have appreciated the honor very highly and endeavored to deserve the confidence so generously placed in me by a strict application to the duties of my office.

The appointment of a District Chaplain and Secretary were my earliest official actions, and for Chaplain I selected Bro. Hughes, of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, and for Secretary, W. Bro. Clifford Kemp, of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock. While the office of Chaplain has not proved to be an onerous one, that of District Secretary has been no small burden for Bro. Kemp to carry, and I have pleasure in testifying to the careful, prompt and thoroughly excellent manner in which the Secretary has performed his duties. Without his valuable services I scarcely know how I should have got through the work, especially in the conduct of the District Lodge of Instruction.

Each Lodge in the District, and there are 21, I have personally visited at least once, and some I have attended a second time, and I am pleased to record the fact that Masonry generally throughout the District is in a most prosperous and flourishing condition, socially, morally, financially and Masonically. The brethren seem to have been particularly careful in choosing their officers, having almost universally selected brethren of

high intelligence and executive ability, who do great credit both to themselves and to their Lodges. The work conferred in the different Lodges is wonderfully uniform in correctness, and with two or three exceptions (noted in my individual Lodge reports), is as nearly perfect as the Grand Lodge can hope to have it. Finances are generally good, and the routine business of each Lodge appears to be carefully done. The books of the different secretaries, without exception, are neatly and correctly kept. Peace and harmony and brotherly love seem to prevail almost universally. In the matter of new candidates there is certainly a gratifying awakening, as no less than 78 successful Entered Apprentices have knocked at the doors in Wilson District during the past year. My official visits, my brethren, have been a great pleasure indeed. I have been received very kindly in every Lodge, and any attempt on my part to correct or give new light or tender suggestions have been gladly received and generally respected. In fact, with the exception of some neglect in reporting deaths, I have no complaints to report in the conduct of any Lodge in this District. Disputes, differences of opinion, or unmasonic conduct among the brethren have fortunately been unknown to me throughout Wilson District during the year just past. There have been no by-laws to amend, no dedications, consecrations or other special work of any nature. I might just mention that where there has been no degree work on the occasion of my official visits, opening and closing in the three degrees have invariably been performed by the officers.

Soon after assuming the duties of my office I directed an address to the brethren of the District through the different Lodges, which I have found produced results eminently satisfactory throughout the year in my correspondence with the different Lodges.

Dispensations.—I have issued during the year four dispensations, as follows: St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, to attend church December 29, 1901; King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll, to attend church June 22, 1902; St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, to attend church June 22, 1902; St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris, to attend church June 29, 1902.

Deaths.—I regret to report the death of fourteen

brethren in Wilson District during the year, although (through neglect of some secretaries) I am only in a position to name eight. Bro. W. J. Beattie, St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich, initiated May 19, 1900, died January 5th, 1902. Bro. Beattie was accidentally killed by being caught in a revolving shaft in a planing mill. He was a young man highly respected by his brethren. Bro. Isaac Haight, of New Durham, was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich, initiated December 23, 1896, died January 12, 1902. He has been in delicate health for some time, was a brother in good circumstances and most highly respected. Bro. Alexander Ironsides, jr., was a member of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, initiated February 21st, 1899, died February 4th, 1902. Bro. Daniel B. Palmerton, initiated into Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, August 22, 1882, died April 18th, 1902. Bro. George Hagerman, a member of Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi, farmer, initiated November 8, 1886, died March 28, 1902, aged 67. Bro. Daniel Matthews, a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, initiated April 10, 1867, died March 7, 1902. Bro. Herman Thornton, a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, initiated May 14, 1873, died May 13, 1902. W. Bro. Dr. James Hayes, a member of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, was initiated December 16, 1868, died May 31, 1902. Deceased was a Free Mason of 33 years' standing, had graced the office of Master of Norfolk Lodge, was a Past Principal of Royal Arch Chapter, and beloved and esteemed by his brethren for the many excellent qualities that characterized him as a man and a Mason. Bro. Hayes was prominent in his own profession, as well as in all the public offices in the gift of his fellow citizens. His early demise will be greatly regretted.

The matter of arrearages of dues has been, perhaps, the most vexatious and troublesome question that I have endeavored to contend with during the year. The number of members more than twelve (12) months in arrears in many Lodges are beyond all reason, and particularly in such Lodges as Oxford, No. 76; King Solomon, No. 43; St. John's, No. 104; Burford, No. 106; Scotland, No. 193; Norfolk, No. 10; Erie, No. 149, and others of smaller membership but proportionate in size

and number of arrears. This is not as it should be, and could be collected much closer if the Bro. Secretaries would but make the effort. I should like also to emphasize the necessity of Secretaries sending promptly the D.D.G.M.'s returns in order that his report may go out promptly, instead of waiting, as this has done, for some eleven hour reports in answer to telegrams. I regret also to report that two Lodges are over one year behind in their Grand Lodge fees.

My first official visit was made to Plattsville Lodge, No. 78, December 20th, 1901, to install their officers for the ensuing year. P.M. Bro. Johnstone opened the Lodge. There was no work in the degrees, so that at the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the officers and brethren entertained all, including many visitors, to a magnificent banquet at the Beemer House. Plattsville Lodge has a splendid staff of officers, and will, I have no doubt, have a prosperous year. The books of the Secretary, W. Bro. Henderson, are models of neatness and correctness, and brand him an excellent Secretary. P.D.D.G.M. Allshire was present and did much to promote the success of the evening. The I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Wilson, and the new Master, W. Bro. Briston, are both enthusiastic Masons. W. Bros. F. Millman, I. Geary, T. West and Bro. D. Miller made this long drive with me, and we received a hearty reception.

Having been invited to instal the officers of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, on December 27, 1901, I made this my official visit, and was right royally received by a very large assemblage of brethren, over one hundred being present on this occasion. No. 10 is a most prosperous Lodge. All the officers are well up in the work so far as I could judge, in fact, none but a good staff could show such results as are evidenced on every hand. W. Bro. Kelly's books are correct and artistic indeed. The Lodge room is beautiful in itself. Under the guidance of W. Bro. Gunton, assisted by P.M. Bro. McGill, Norfolk Lodge is bound to advance. Two Past District Deputy Grand Masters were present in the persons of R. W. Bros. Dr. Kennedy and T. R. Atkinson. Visitors were present from all the surrounding Masonic centers, many having accompanied me from Woodstock, including the veteran Mason, P.M. Bro. E. W. Town.

of Oak Branch, Innerkip. The banquet was fine and the songs and speeches prodigious. Masonry is flourishing here. P.M. Bro. McGill was presented with a Past Master's Jewel.

Officially visited my mother Lodge, Oxford, No. 76, January 13th, 1902. I was most cordially received here by a large attendance of brethren. This was another installation service, and though there was plenty of work none was conferred, as I see this on the regular meeting nights. It was my pleasure to instal a very fine staff of officials under W. Bro. John Dutton as Master. Their work, which I frequently see, is among the best done in the District, and that is high praise. The books and records of Bro. Robt. Anderson, Secretary, are deserving of special mention. This Lodge is strong from every standpoint, financially and numerically, and is experiencing most gratifying prosperity. R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart assisted in the ceremonies of installation. R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin is also alive to the best interests of Oxford Lodge, and there are no complaints to record. The officers and brethren of King Solomon Lodge, No. 43, were present in large numbers.

Vittoria Lodge, No. 359: I officially visited January 17, 1902, where I received a cordial welcome from a large gathering of members and visitors from Erie Lodge, Port Dover, Port Rowan, Simcoe and Woodstock. Here I had the pleasure of witnessing the third degree conferred by P.M. Bro. Albert Wood. The opening and closing in different degrees was well done by the Master, W. Bro. Culver. The good work of Vittoria Lodge was a revelation to me, and I congratulated them on their success. R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy is a charter member of this Lodge, and was present on this occasion. A pleasing feature of this meeting was the fine exposition of the historic events surrounding Masonry in this vicinity by W. Bro. McCaul, R. W. Bro. Kennedy and others. The clerical work of the Lodge is well and ably done by Bro. Pow, the untiring Secretary. Vittoria Lodge owns the building and is in good financial condition. Only two members in arrears at present. A fine banquet was provided, and my reception was most enthusiastic. I was well pleased with the condition of Masonry in Vittoria. W. Bro. Minns and

Oak Branch, No. 261, Innerkip: Made my official visit to this Lodge January 23, 1902, accompanied by twenty-seven brethren from Woodstock. I had been invited to install the officers for the ensuing year. W. Bro. Hughson was installed as Master, together with the Wardens and subordinate officers, after which P.M. Bro. Hopkins conferred the sublime degree of a Master Mason on a candidate in waiting. The work was fairly well done, the Master doing his important part with good effect. P.M. Bro. E. W. Town seems to be an indispensable brother in the matter of all work, and is certainly an enthusiastic Mason. This Lodge has only a small membership, being difficult to depend on a quorum. Work very light of late, but prospects are now looking brighter. The officers of this Lodge require new regalia. Books are well kept by Bo. Nesbitt, the Secretary. The financial standing is none too good, though by great economy Oak Branch keeps out of debt. The usual extra banquet, provided as only Oak Branch can provide, was served to about fifty brethren. I was well received, and trust Oak Branch will endeavor to advance and progress.

Burford Lodge, No. 106: On the 22nd of January, 1902, I made my official visit to the above Lodge, accompanied by several enthusiastic Woodstock Masons. On account of the great blizzard then raging the attendance was small, which is a most unusual occurrence for Burford. About thirty brethren were present. I had been invited to install the officers, and a better or more promising staff it would be hard to find. I was well pleased with the marked high standing of this Lodge. The hall is large, well furnished, and attractive. The officers are well skilled in the opening and closing ceremonies, the brethren are enthusiastic in their co-operation and assistance, and all the surroundings bear evidence of a prosperous Lodge. W. Master-elect Bro. Davidson will make a good executive head of this Lodge. This Lodge owns its own building, and the finances are very good, but should be better, as they carry too many dues. The Secretary's books are neat and well kept, according to Grand Lodge instruction. A fine body of intelligent men compose the membership of Burford

Lodge. P.M. Bro. Armstrong made an excellent director of ceremonies during installation. The brethren were banqueted at close of the Lodge, and the function was very fine. The courtesies and attentions shown visitors on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Fred. Miles will not soon be forgotten.

Lodge of Instruction.—Early in my official year I stated in an address issued to the District that I would use my best endeavor to hold a Lodge of Instruction during the year. Pursuant to this, and acting in accordance with the desires of our R. W. the Acting Grand Master, I called a Lodge of Instruction to be held at Woodstock, February 18, 1902, under the warrants of King Solomon Lodge, No. 43, and Oxford Lodge, No. 76. The work of the first degree was performed by the officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris; the second degree by the officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich, and the third degree jointly by the officers of King Solomon Lodge, No. 43, and Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock. When the brethren assembled in the Lodge rooms at 2 p.m. some 300 Masons were present. The Acting Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers were then received with the usual formalities, after which W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and his officers gave one of the best exhibitions of first degree work ever seen in Wilson District, as also did W. Bro. Geo. Tipper and his officers in the second degree. The same may also be said of the work of the third degree by W. Bros. Geary and Dutton and their able staff of officers. Each degree was critically analyzed by the three brethren appointed for that purpose, R. W. Bro. T. Atkinson, Simcoe; R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Ingersoll, and R. W. Bro. W. A. Karn, the District Master. Many other brethren took part in the discussion, among which was our distinguished Acting Grand Master, whose comments were very graceful and to the point. The remarks of our Grand Master on this occasion were exceedingly happy and endeared him greatly to his brethren. In the evening R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin, V. W. Bro. A. McGachie and D.D.G.M. W. A. Karn gave an exemplification of the proper examination of a visitor before entering a Lodge. This part of the Lodge of Instruction was much appreciated by all the brethren. This Lodge of Instruction was a most

gratifying success, and some officer of each Lodge in the District can testify to the fact of having carried home some lessons from which to draw food for the work before him and his Lodge. It was gratifying, indeed, to see the splendid response to my call for a Lodge of Instruction, as only one Lodge in the District failed to respond, and Frederick Lodge, No. 217, has lost one interesting opportunity. The following resolution, moved by R. W. Bro. Farthing, P.G.C., and D.D.G.M. Karn, was passed: "Resolved, That we, the members of Wilson District, No. 6, A.F. & A.M., in Lodge of Instruction assembled at Woodstock, on this 18th day of February, 1902, desire to take this, the first opportunity since the death of our late Grand Master, R. B. Hungerford, to place on record our unfeigned sorrow at his death, and our sincere admiration of his manly character, which ever exhibited the true type of a worthy Mason, and we desire to extend to his bereaved widow and family our heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss, a loss which is not theirs alone, but ours. Our craft has lost a noble and high-minded ruler, who endeared himself to all Masons, but to none more than to those of this District, and we humbly pray that the all-wise and all-loving Father will sustain his bereaved ones in this hour of their trial and that we and they may be united with him in the resurrection, to join once again in the service of our God in His glorious kingdom." I feel that our District owes a debt of gratitude to both King Solomon's and Oxford Lodges for having so splendidly entertained Wilson District on this occasion, and especially for the magnificent banquet tendered in the evening to over 300 guests. Acting Grand Master Judge Harding, Past Grand Master E. T. Malone, R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, of Toronto, R. W. Bro. T. R. Atkinson, of Simcoe, W. Bro. A. Y. Scott, of Toronto, and many other brethren responded eloquently to the different toasts to which they were assigned, while the musical part of the program was fine indeed.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193: I officially visited the above Lodge March 31, 1902, and was joined at Woodstock by W. Bro. F. Millman, Bros. D. Miller and A. Gardner. The Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree, after which a candidate was passed to the

Fellowcraft degree, the work being very well done by W. Bro. Smith and his officers, though some of the regular officers were absent on account of bad roads. There was also a small attendance of members, partly caused by the roads, and in part from other causes that should not interfere with Masonic functions. However, there was a good gathering of visitors from Burford, Waterford and Woodstock, which partly made up for the absence of local brethren. Here they possess a most comfortable room that is well furnished. Their financial condition is fairly good. They have a most energetic Secretary in Bro. Malcolm, who keeps everything right and in its place. There seemed to be some little want of harmony, but I am assured it has now quieted down. W. Bro. Ross and W. Bro. Teeter, of Waterford, were visitors, as were also R. W. Bro. Miles and other brethren. I was most cordially welcomed to Scotland Lodge and am fully convinced of the quality of this Lodge when everything is normal. The banquet was, I am told, traditionally grand, thanks to that enthusiastic craft caterer, Bro. James Young, than whom none can outdo him "or a' that."

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover: I visited Erie Lodge officially March 17, 1902, accompanied by Bro. Major McQueen and Bro. J. Arnold Thompson, of Oxford Lodge. Here I was privileged to see the second degree conferred and well done was it also by W. Bro. Bond and his officers. Bro. Bond is an ideal Master and a worthy successor of P.M. Bro. Waddell. Work in this Lodge has attained the highest degree of perfection under the able direction of these efficient Masters. R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy is a constant attendant at Erie Lodge and a tower of strength to its officers. P. M. Bro. Tibbets delivered the Fellowcraft charge in a most impressive manner. The attendance was good, about 35 being present. The opening and closing in all degrees was well done. The Secretary's books are kept by P. M. Bro. Varey in a most creditable manner. Erie Lodge is in a most prosperous and flourishing condition, having a nice balance to their credit. Your representative received a most cordial and fraternal reception. We were entertained to a fine supper, a feature of the program of which was a patriotic speech by Bro. Major

McQueen that wrought up the loyalty of the brethren and pointed out the Mason's duty to his country. Several fine songs were contributed during the evening. Erie Lodge is a credit alike to its members, the District, and the Grand Lodge. In fact, everything is peace, harmony and prosperity. Several visitors were in attendance from Vittoria Lodge.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113: My official visit to this Lodge was made on March 19, 1902. I was especially struck with the fraternal spirit of the Waterford Masons on being met at the station by a large representation of the brethren, among them several Past Masters. My reception into the Lodge room was equally friendly and cordial, for when W. Bro. Bowlby and Past Master Bro. L. Sovereign attempt to welcome visitors to Wilson Lodge they keep up the old traditions. There was a splendid attendance in the Lodge room of as fine a body of men as ever graced any Lodge in the District. W. Bro. Bowlby is an efficient presiding officer, and is well supported by a large number of talented Past Masters, among whom were W. Bros. Ross, Massecar, Sovereign, York, Teeter and Gould, as well as an able staff of subordinate officers. The second degree was conferred in a most creditable manner and reflects the result of much time and care in the study and practice of the work. Wilson Lodge room is perhaps the most Oriental looking and the most beautifully furnished of any Lodge in Wilson District, and is certainly a credit to the brethren. Bro. Mills is an excellent Secretary, having all the books in perfect order. While this Lodge has not been the most active during the last two or three years, yet it now seems to have entered on a new era of prosperity, and is one of the most satisfactory in the District. A goodly number of visitors were present from the surrounding Lodges, and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. Supper was served at the close of the Lodge.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174: I officially visited Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan, March 20, 1902. The attendance was rather small for such a prosperous Lodge, several of the most active members being absent at this time. The chair was ably filled, however, in the absence of the Master by P.M. Bro. Biddle, who, assisted by his officers, conferred the second degree. The

work of the Master was most efficient, while the work of the other officers (although fairly well done) showed evidences of adhering to the "older work" of Masonry. W. Bro. James Ryan, the venerable Secretary, is a tower of strength in himself, and is, I am sure, one of the pillars of Masonry in the District. W. Bro. Pearsall assisted in a portion of the work, as well as W. Bro. Griffith, of The Barton Lodge, of Hamilton, who gave the charge to the candidate. The books of this Lodge are not only correctly but beautifully kept, and reflect great credit on P.M. Bro. Ryan. Lodge affairs are prosperous from every standpoint, socially, financially, numerically and Masonically, and Walsingham Lodge is still keeping up their old-time reputation for active interest and generous hospitality. A bountiful supper was served at the Pearsall, and some splendid speeches were made. My visit to Walsingham was most gratifying, and I am sure it must be a great pleasure for any Grand Lodge official to visit this well-regulated Lodge.

St. John's, No. 82: It was my pleasure to visit officially St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris, March 27, 1902, accompanied by a large delegation of Woodstock brethren. My reception into this Lodge was one of the most cordial that I have received in the District, over one hundred brethren being present. Invitations were issued by the officers and members of St. John's Lodge to outside brethren to be present on this occasion, which brought visitors from Plattsville, Brantford, St. George, Burford, Princeton, Ayr and Woodstock to take part in this splendid function. The second degree was conferred in a masterly manner by W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, assisted by the best drilled staff of officers in the District. W. Bro. Taylor is certainly a paragon of Masonic perfection in the work, conferring it correctly, impressively, and with fine elocutionary and dramatic effect. All other officers have apparently profited by his lofty example, as their work is also beyond criticism. P.M. Bro. Smoke is an excellent Secretary, having his books in fine form. This Lodge is in a flourishing condition financially, and the brethren seem to take great pride and interests in promoting the welfare of the Lodge. An enthusiastic staff of Past Masters are ever on hand to assist in the work and management of the Lodge, in-

cluding P.M. Bro. R. Thompson, J. R. Inksater, Bro. Haire and others. A most commendable innovation took place on this occasion, which was the special effort that had been made to induce all the veterans of the craft to visit the Lodge at this time. This proved a great success, as many brethren were present that had not been in attendance for years. R. W. Bro. James Smiley, P.D.D.G.M., was present at this meeting, and added greatly to the success of the occasion. St. John's Lodge was strikingly lavish in their entertainment of the brethren, having served one of the finest banquets in which it has ever been my pleasure to take part. In speeches and in song, the toast list was much above the average, and everyone departed at a late hour feeling they had been royally and fraternally entertained, and with none other than good wishes for the long continued success of St. John's Lodge, No. 82.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78: I officially visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, April 16, 1902, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Alex. McGachie and a dozen other brethren from Woodstock. We were welcomed at the station by a large number of enthusiastic Masons from King Hiram Lodge, supported by W. Bro. Samuel Clutton, of Vienna Lodge. The attendance of members in the Lodge was very large, and visiting brethren turned out in fine force from Vienna, Delhi, Ingersoll and Woodstock Lodges. The second degree was conferred in a most exemplary manner by W. Bro. Aspinall, assisted by a thoroughly competent staff of officers, and this Lodge is, to my mind, one of the best worked and best managed Lodges in Wilson District, having a membership of 117. I.P.M. Bro. T. L. Armstrong was presented with a Past Master's jewel, showing the appreciation of his brethren for the valuable services rendered the Lodge, which was the occasion of a great outburst of enthusiasm on the part of his brother Masons. Rev. Bro. E. W. Hughes, District Chaplain, gave a very fine lecture or explanation on the familiar passage in Ecclesiastes that proved of great interest to the brethren. I was delighted to find in this Lodge such an enthusiastic number of Past Masters, among them being W. Bro. W. S. Law, W. Bro. Rayner, V. W. Bro. John McDonald, W. Bro. Armstrong, W. Bro. F. Biette and V. W.

Bro. Hagan, all of whom were most untiring in their efforts to make the visitors feel at home. Past Grand officers R. W. Bro. Wm. McDonald, R. W. Bro. A. W. Crysler, V. W. Bro. Clutton and V. W. Bro. Alex. McGachie were in attendance, as were also W. Bro. Dr. Wells, of Delhi, and W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, of Oxford Lodge, Woodstock. The large number of rev. brethren in attendance was a pleasing feature of this meeting. The social function was, as usual, quite in keeping with the old-time record of King Hiram Lodge, the remarks of all speakers being especially happy and appropriate to each succeeding toast. Bro. A. L. Baker, the indefatigable Secretary, has records all well in hand, the books well kept, and everything in first-class order. The brethren of this Lodge have done well recently with an unusual case of benevolence.

Vienna Lodge, No. 237: Visited this Lodge officially April 21, 1902, for which purpose the brethren kindly called an emergent meeting. I was accompanied here by V. W. Bro. F. Millman, of Oxford Lodge, who gave me much valuable assistance in this and many other official visits throughout the District. The brethren of Vienna Lodge are most hospitable Masons indeed, to such an extent even, that in the weakness of a small Lodge we are apt to marvel at their generous and magnanimous treatment. They are, though the membership is not large, very enthusiastic in the work of Masonry and in the elevating of the cause, and what they may lack in numbers is fully made up in the quality of their material, and any Mason can imbibe both pleasure and profit by associating with the brethren of Vienna Lodge. W. Bro. Hawkins was prevented from putting on work through the illness of a candidate, but opened and closed the Lodge in all degrees in a manner quite satisfactory. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. Clutton, keeps a splendid set of books, and while the Lodge is not burdened with a full treasury, yet is paying its way very nicely. Vienna and Port Burwell are too near each other to support two prosperous Lodges. Past Masters Benjamin Bryan, C. M. Wilson and others are untiring in their efforts to make the Lodge a success. Several brethren from King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg, visited on this occasion, including the W. Bros. Biette, Arm-

strong and Bro. S. W. McQueen. A nice supper was provided at the close of the Lodge.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181: Visited Oriental Lodge, Port Burvell, April 22, 1902, accompanied by W. Bro. Fred. Biette, of Tilsonburg, and V. W. Bro. Millman, of Woodstock. This was the regular meeting of the Lodge, presided over by W. Bro. John Kemp. This was the smallest meeting I had yet seen in the District, and was no little surprised to find such an exceptionally small gathering of the members. There was no work, neither has there been any for two years at least. The Lodge, however, was opened and closed in all degrees and fairly well done. This Lodge seems to have little ambition, seemingly having become discouraged. Oriental has a beautiful Lodge room, well furnished and sufficiently attractive to entice Masons and candidates as well, but I am told they do not knock at the door. The prospects seem to be very poor indeed. This Lodge has only two Past Masters, W. Bro. M. G. Burwell, who is now Secretary of the Lodge, being one, and W. Bro. S. T. Logan the other. I tried to encourage them to press forward. There is plenty of good material around. I made many suggestions as to how new enthusiasm might be introduced. New material is required, for no matter how expert officers may be, it is too much to expect them to keep up the same old interest year after year. There is not enough fraternal exchange of courtesies between Oriental and Vienna, and notwithstanding that it is only three miles between the two Lodges, I am told that they rarely visit. However, three or four brethren from Vienna were present on this occasion. The Lodge books are apparently in good hands, as I have seen no better anywhere, and so far as the routine work of the Lodge is concerned Oriental seems to be in first-class condition, but there is a "lack of life" which must soon be overcome if Masonry in Port Burvell is to grow and prosper. An amalgamation of these two Lodges would, I believe, be in the interests of Masonry. The reception of the Grand Lodge representative in this Lodge was of rather an indifferent character.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37: Officially visited King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, May 2, 1902. I was accom-

panied by thirty-six brethren from Woodstock, marshalled by V. W. Bro. A. McGachie, and District Secretary, W. Bro. Kemp, who chartered a trolley car for the purpose of visiting their Ingersoll brethren on the occasion of my official visit. The attendance, I regret to say, was small, which was occasion for surprise in connection with such an old and prosperous Lodge, with a good membership—there being only about a dozen present. However, although King Hiram has not been up to its usual aggressiveness during the last two or three years, yet I can see that a brighter day is dawning, and a little more snap and determination is all that is necessary to renew its old-time vigor. The officers, presided over by W. Bro. Austin Miller, are well skilled, and so far as the first degree is concerned was well exemplified in almost every particular. Plenty of work is what inspires officers, and the offices of King Hiram Lodge are well prepared to look after much more than they have been conferring of late. The books, in the hands of Secretary Woolson, are neatly and correctly kept. The finances of the Lodge have not been in too flourishing a condition, but are gradually improving through the efforts of Secretary Woolson. R. W. Bro. M. Walsh, Past Grand Junior Warden, is still a tower of strength to King Hiram Lodge. A luncheon was served after the work, at which songs, speeches and recitations were most profuse, the latter being largely contributed by that veteran craftsman, Bro. McIntyre. I anticipate much greater prosperity for King Hiram Lodge as a result of the fraternal visit of the Woodstock brethren.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43: On May 6, 1902, I officially visited this Lodge in Woodstock, and although this evening was a most inclement one, the attendance of about seventy-five members was a remarkably good showing indeed. The high and prosperous condition of King Solomon's Lodge requires little comment on my part. It has, during the year, been exceptionally busy with degree work, holding several emergent meetings for this purpose. In the absence of both the Master, Bro. I. Geary, and of the I.P.M., W. Bro. Kennedy, Past Master Bro. J. J. Watt presided and conferred the first degree in a most creditable manner, supported by

his competent staff of officers. The work was generally well done, and I must make special mention of the lecture given by Bro. Wm. Hodges, the clever Junior Warden, than which I have never heard it better given. W. Bro. Dutton, who gave the lecture in the northeast angle, did great credit to himself as well. The clerical work of the Lodge, under V. W. Bro. A. McGachie, the energetic Secretary, is certainly a model of neatness and correctness, and the finances are flourishing indeed, notwithstanding the fact that King Solomon heads the list of the District Lodges in the large amount of arrears that are carried on the books. These, I trust, will have largely vanished before the next Grand Lodge returns. After the work of the degree the District Master gave an address on the "Ideals of Freemasonry," which seemed to be acceptable to the brethren. A tasty supper was served at the close of the Lodge, after which all departed, having thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68: On May 16, 1902, I paid my official visit to St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, and was joined by several Woodstock brethren. There was a fine attendance of this Lodge to the number of fifty. W. Bro. D. Munro, assisted by his officers, exemplified the third degree in a manner that was highly satisfactory, especially under the circumstances, as not having a candidate, I requested the Master to exemplify the work without having notice of such or of even expecting to be called on to perform it. While the work was not perhaps up to the usual good work performed by this Lodge, yet under such circumstances it was very satisfactory indeed, and I am convinced that generally their work must be among the best in the District. The Secretary of St. John's Bro. S. M. Douglas, is a most untiring officer, and is proving in more ways than one to be a thoroughly exemplary officer. The finances are in fairly good condition, although many have been allowed to drop behind in their dues in recent years, but are now being carefully collected. I shall be much surprised if St. John's Lodge does not forge ahead in the future, as a new determination to materially advance seems to have taken hold of the officers. Refreshments were served after the meeting and all enjoyed a good old-fashioned Masonic entertainment.

I.P.M. Bro. S. C. Partlo is a most valuable and enthusiastic Past Master, and was fittingly recognized with the presentation of a beautiful emblematic ring by the Lodge. A large line of Past Masters graced the East, among them being W. Bros. Walsh, Rowland, Miller, Kerr, Wm. Partlo, S. C. Partlo, H. W. Partlo, John Warnock, John Morrison, A. McLeod and R. Woodroffe.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217: I paid my official visit to this Lodge May 19, 1902, and was most cordially welcomed by R. W. Bro. Crysler, W. Bro. Stratton, and the brethren of the Lodge. This was a fine meeting, and almost the entire membership of the Lodge was present. This Lodge, although not a large one, having a membership of about 50, enjoys the proud distinction of having initiated more candidates last year than any other Lodge in the District. Many visitors were present from Norwich and Tilsonburg. The Fellowcraft degree was conferred in a masterly manner by the Master, supported by his efficient staff of officers. The work in Frederick Lodge receives the greatest attention from the minutest detail to the lectures and the charge. Frederick Lodge is certainly in excellent standing financially, socially and otherwise, and the books of the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Crysler, are neat and complete in every detail. The brethren are most fraternal and hospitable, and are all past masters in the art of entertainment. A fine spread was provided, at which a most excellent toast list was presented. The management deserve the highest praise. With the extraordinary staff of Past Masters in Frederick Lodge no wonder prosperity smiles upon them, and no wonder there is not an item of any kind neglected in the work of the Lodge.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton: I made my official visit to this Lodge May 23, 1902, being joined by W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, Bro. E. C. Thornton and Bro. James McMahon. I was cordially welcomed by the officers and members of the Lodge, being introduced by R. W. Bro. James Smiley, I.P.D.D.G.M. of Wilson District No. 6. This is perhaps the smallest Lodge in point of numbers in the whole district, but is one of the largest in point of Masonic enthusiasm and hospitality. This Lodge, under the direction of W. Bro. Freeman, is

in a most satisfactory and flourishing condition. Although they have had few initiations of late, and have seen their membership depleted year after year by removals, yet the officers know no discouragement, holding regular meetings, with good average attendance, and prospects of more work and better days to come. Every available brother was present at this splendid meeting, and although there was no degree work, the work of opening and closing in all three degrees was most admirably done. The books in charge of the Secretary, Bro. Huston, are a model of perfection, being neat, correct and methodically kept. W. Bro. Davidson and Bro. Major Stitt, of Burford Lodge, were visitors on this occasion. Blenheim Lodge, though small in numbers, is a credit to the District in every way, being financially and Masonically in satisfactory condition, and I anticipate for it continued prosperity in the future. The supper served in the ante-room was both bountiful and tasty, and the speeches and songs of a high order indeed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104: I officially visited St. John's Lodge, Norwich, May 28, 1902, and was fraternally received by the officers and members. A very large number present. There was also a large number of visitors from the surrounding Lodges, especially from the Woodstock Lodges. The third degree was conferred upon a remarkably well posted candidate in a highly creditable manner by W. Bro. Tipper and his well skilled officers. This was certainly the best worked and most impressive third degree that I have witnessed during my official visitations. Each officer was strictly correct in phraseology, clear and plain in pronunciation, emphatic in speech and impressive in diction, the W. Master being a rhetorician of considerable merit. The Secretary, P.M. Bro. Polden, is an able officer in his position, keeping a neat and correct set of books, and guarding carefully the finances of the Lodge. In the matter of arrears of fees, however, St. John's is certainly too lax and should promptly reduce the amount outstanding. Generally, however, the Lodge is in fine condition, and Masonry in this locality is maintaining its high reputation. While we were sorry to miss the presence of R. W. Bro. McCurdy from the Lodge, yet we were honored with the presence

of several enthusiastic Past Masters, among whom were W. Bro. A. D. Tllis, J. D. Hogarth and George W. Poldens. Election of officers then took place, resulting in advancing Bro. Senior Warden Van Valkenburg to the East, and, judging from the quality of the subordinate officer, next Grand Lodge year will see St. John's, No. 104, keep up the high standard now so much in evidence. A fine supper brought a good meeting to a close.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250: My twenty-first and last official visit was made to Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro, on Monday, June 2, in company with Past Masters Bros. J. M. Cole and F. Millman, and Bro. Alex. Gardner, of Woodstock. Here I received a most friendly and fraternal reception from the brethren, although the numbers were few. This Lodge has a membership of 29, and only about a dozen of these take any active interest in the Lodge, judging from the records on the register. There have been no new candidates so far this year, and few in fact in recent years. The officers, presided over by W. Bro. Dr. R. H. Green, having no work, opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well, but showed the want of practice, no doubt through the failure of regular work. I strongly urged the officers and members (the former having more than ordinary ability for the work) to increase their activity by a greater regularity in holding meetings, more practices and greater fraternal intercourse, to show by their lives and actions that Masonry was a live institution, and in that way more forcibly show that the Masonic Lodge was loved and appreciated by its members, a practice which is calculated to prompt men to seek membership in the craft through voluntary inclination on their part. P. M. Bro. Columbus Ross, the efficient Secretary, has his books in good order, with the exception, in some cases, of carrying too large arrears. I am led to hope, however, that a new determination to press forward has taken hold of the active officers and members, and that many of the dormant ones will speedily return to the fold, and that future prospects are bright indeed. The opportunities for Masonic progress in this locality are better than in many of the more prosperous Lodges, and all that is needed here is a little more active work. I was delighted

with my reception here, and believe that the friendly and fraternal advice spoken was taken in a Masonic spirit by the Brethren. Members and visitors partook of a sumptuous supper at the close of the meeting, and all departed feeling Masonically refreshed.

In conclusion, let me say that in making up a report it is no small task to leave nothing unsaid that should have been said, and long as this document is, I have no doubt left undone some things I am expected to do, left unnoticed some deserving matter or some deserving brother. If such be the case, I can only remind you of the frailty of human nature. I have conscientiously endeavored to do my best in the general interests of the District, and if I have failed it has not been through indifference, for my heart has been in the work. The brethren have received me kindly everywhere, and endeavored, I believe, to the best of their ability, to make my task easy and help me in every way. To all such brethren I offer my sincerest thanks. To my Woodstock brethren, who have been so loyal in accompanying me on my official visits, I return my thanks. I have, with very few exceptions, always found from one to thirty-six brethren ready to assist me in this work of visitation, and I have appreciated this beyond all power of expression. The different Lodges have, with one exception, made liberal contributions toward my expenses, but even in the face of this I am inclined to the opinion that the Grand Lodge should make provision for the same and save the rather humiliating necessity of looking to the Lodges for the amount. During my term of office, while I have endeavored by kindly comment and fraternal suggestion to keep up the standards of Masonry in every department, whether it be in the work of the degrees, the conduct of the Lodges, or the general deportment of the brethren, I have conceived it also to be my duty to be equally zealous in elevating the high moral standard before the brethren and pointing out what are the high ideals of Masonry in every Lodge in Wilson District, and I trust that what has been my ambition to promote along this line may at least bear some small fruits that will ripen into broader Masonry to be exemplified in our daily lives.

I enclose herewith a complete tabulated statement of

the "work done" by each of the 21 Lodges in Wilson District, No. 6, and tender my thanks to the Masters and Secretaries of the different Lodges for many favors which I can never repay. For my successor I bespeak the same cordial assistance extended to me, and may Masonry in Wilson District continue to grow and prosper in the future as it has done in the past.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. A. KARN, D.D.G.M.

Wilson District No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.		Degrees conferred.		Affiliations.		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.		Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.			Regular.	Emergent.		Total.												
76 Oxford	Woodstock	124	13	12	11	10	1	1	1	8	3	2	14	5	19	32	\$55 00	29	175 00	June, 1902.	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	\$125 00	
78 King Hir'n	Tulsa	115	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	9	3	1	14	3	17	30	10 00	13	68 58	Dec., 1901	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
82 St. John's	Paris	82	8	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	13	4	17	15	7 00	9	66 09	Dec., 1901	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
04 St. John's	Norwich	81	4	4	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	13	2	15	18	5 00	49	154 50	Dec., 1901	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
05 Burford	Burford	74	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	13	20	5 00	35	250 00	June, 1901	1st Class	Good	Yes	1700 00
08 Blenheim.	Princeton	29	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	14	10	15 00	3	40 00	Jan., 1902.	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
13 Wilson	Waterford	82	13	4	11	10	9	3	2	4	1	1	1	13	1	14	25	97 00	4	22 00	Dec., 1901	Good	Good	No	650 00
43 Erie	Port Dove	62	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	2	9	20	10 00	20	10 00	20	152 00	Dec., 1900	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
74 Walsingham	Port town	52	5	2	5	4	4	1	2	1	1	10	3	13	18	18	...	17	47 00	Dec., 1901	Good	Splendid	No	1200 00	
78 Plattsville	Plattsville	41	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	13	13	5 00	5	15 77	Dec., 1901	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00	
81 Oriental	Port Burwell	27	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	13	1	13	7	7	...	4	...	Dec., 1901	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00	
93 Scotland	Scotland	63	4	4	4	4	6	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	11	21	45 00	20	107 00	Dec., 1901	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00	
17 Frederick	Delhi	54	3	3	3	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	13	13	...	...	74 01	Dec., 1901	Fair	Good	Yes	350 00
37 Vienna	Vienna	40	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	15	41 37	9	77 03	June, 1901	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00	
50 Thistle	Enbro	29	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	11	2	15	9	...	13	122 50	June, 1901	Fair	Only Fair	No	None	
61 Oak Brook	Innerkip	28	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	10	10	10	10	...	4	21 00	June, 1901	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
68 Victoria	Victoria	37	4	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	12	...	14	12 00	Jan., 1902	Good	Fair	Yes	250 00	
68 St. John's	Ingersoll	78	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	20	15 00	41	11 25	June, 1902	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
43 King Sol'n	Woodstock	107	12	11	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	14	4	18	23	40 00	40	264 00	Dec., 1901	Good	Good	Yes	1125 00	
37 King Hir'n	Ingersoll	69	5	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	3	21	20	10 00	12	66 00	Dec., 1900	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00	
37 Norfolk	Simcoe	99	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	10	6	16	25	74 00	20	120 00	June, 1902.	Good	Bright	Yes	600 00

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Wellington District during the past twelve months. In opening my official duties, I addressed on 29th July last a circular to the Worshipful Masters of the twenty-one Lodges comprised within the District, from which I quote the following paragraphs:

"On entering upon the duties of District Deputy Grand Master of this important District, I desire to acknowledge thankfully the confidence extended to me by the representatives of the Lodges present at the recent meeting of Grand Lodge and the kind expressions of their personal good will at the close of the election. I trust when I come to render an account of my stewardship that they will not regret their choice. I hope in due course to pay at least one official visit during the year to each of the Lodges, and have every expectation that the blessings of harmony and brotherly love will continue to prevail in the future as in the past throughout the District.

"I have decided to make the following appointments of District officers, which I trust may meet with acceptance and work to the advantage of the craft in the District: Bro. the Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., of Galt, District Chaplain; R. W. Bro. John McLaren, P.D.D.G.M., of Orangeville, District Secretary.

"I would be greatly obliged if you would instruct the Secretary to transmit to me regularly notices of all meetings of your Lodge, together with the date of death and other particulars respecting brethren who may die during the year, and report after installation any changes which may occur in the office of W.M. or Secretary up to the end of June next."

Attention was also called to a proposal approved at the recent District meeting, just before adjournment, in favor of the presentation of the District regalia to my predecessor in office in recognition of his official services, and in view of a recent decision of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the opinion of the individual Lodges was asked before giving effect to the proposition.

In relation to this communication, it may be said that in Masonic circles within the District the year has been one of unexampled prosperity and harmony, as will be noted in the progress of the report. I have been enabled to visit every Lodge on the roll, and in several instances have enjoyed the privilege of making a second call, everywhere meeting with kind and truly fraternal greetings from the members of the craft. The appointment of Rev. Bro. Knowles as District Chaplain met with hearty approval from the fraternity in Galt and neighborhood, where his distinguished ability as a preacher and his qualities as a Mason are justly appreciated. He held one special Masonic service during the year, and in his letter reporting the fact, says: "I have tried in any way I can to further the interests of the Order, whose merits I realize and appreciate more and more." I have to thank R. W. Bro. McLaren, District Secretary, for effective service rendered in carrying on my somewhat extensive correspondence, and for attendance at several of my official visitations. The proposition of the District meeting for the presentation of the regalia was not carried into effect, as it failed to receive the endorsement of a majority of the Lodges. I desire also to acknowledge the prompt attention given by the Secretaries of the various Lodges to my request for the regular transmission of the notices of Lodge meetings and generally to the careful manner in which these officers keep the Lodge records. I might say, however, that in some instances, the notices issued regarding a proposed ballot have not contained the particulars required by clauses 212 and 214 of the Constitution. I recommend these to the special consideration of the officers in question.

A glance at the statistical return given at the close of this report will show that the progress of the craft within the bounds of Wellington District has been most en-

couraging. Each Lodge has met at least once a month during the year, several have held from 16 to 19 meetings, and the attendance has, on the whole, been encouraging. The weakest Lodge in the District shows an average attendance at twelve meetings of nine members per meeting, while two of the stronger Lodges indicate an attendance of thirty each per meeting. The average for the District is about nineteen members per Lodge. Every Lodge, except three, shows an increase in membership. The total increases amount to 115, and the losses four, leaving a net gain from all sources of 111. The total membership in active connection with the craft is given at 1,385. Sixteen deaths are reported, the particulars of which are given elsewhere. The amount granted in benevolence by individual Lodges throughout the District during the year was \$535.80. Reasonable promptitude has been displayed in transmitting returns to Grand Lodge. The financial standing of the Lodges ranges from "fair" to "gilt-edged," and the Worshipful Masters are reported, with one exception, to be competent to confer the three craft degrees. Every Lodge, with two exceptions, has substantial insurance on its furniture and effects, and I trust that soon there will be no exceptions. Perhaps the only "fly in the ointment," so far as my report for the District goes, is the annually recurring difficulty regarding dues. Out of the total membership above given 236 are reported to be over twelve months in arrears, showing a total indebtedness of \$1,428.32. Three Lodges, happily, report no arrearages, while the others indicate amounts owing from about \$16.00 to \$190.00. Some sixteen members are reported suspended for non-payment of dues. It is to be hoped, however, that some more kindly mode may be devised for removing what must be regarded as a serious cause of friction and trouble in the Lodges. On the whole it may be said, notwithstanding this difficulty, which has always been with us, that the outlook for the coming year is exceedingly hopeful. The returns referred to, as well as my own observation, indicate that the Lodges in Wellington District may fairly be regarded as in a good financial position, having officers and members imbued with a love for our noble institu-

tion and the spirit and determination which are sure to win success.

It is matter for regret that the returns show a heavier death rate this year than those of the past two years. In the passing, on the 9th September last, of the genial and kindly chief of the craft, Most Worshipful Brother Hungerford, we are reminded that "Death loves a shining mark." His removal so soon after entering hopefully upon his second year of office was singularly pathetic, and elicited wide and genuine sorrow. The reports from the Lodges in this District show that sixteen of the brethren have gone over to the silent majority, and the list, so far as it has been supplied, is as follows:

Alma, No. 72, Galt.—Bro. W. P. Robinson, M.M., life member, died at Golden, G.C., December 20, 1901; buried with Masonic honors by the brethren at Golden.

Ayr, No. 172, Ayr.—Deaths, two, names not supplied.

Irving, No. 203, Elora.—Bro. Edward Sanders, M.M., died August 13, 1901; Bro. William A. B. McDonald, S. W., died September 11, 1901.

Harris, No. 216, Orangeville.—Bro. William Still, M. M., Lodge Treasurer and Mayor of the town, died December 26, 1901; Bro. Charles Ward, M.M., died January 3, 1902.

Galt, No. 257, Galt.—Bro. H. D. McConnachie, M. M., died September 5, 1901; Bro. John Shupe, M.M., life member, died October 29, 1901. About the end of June, 1902, the death is announced in the local press, but no return yet received, of R. W. Bro. Adam Cranston, P. D. D.G.M. of the Wellington District, 1885-86, as old and highly esteemed resident of Galt, and a member of Galt Lodge. He had held many prominent positions in municipal life, was Honorary Major and ex-Paymaster of the 29th (Waterloo) Regiment, and had recently received his long-service medal.

Harriston, No. 262, Harriston.—One death, no particulars.

New Hope, No. 279, Hespeler.—One death, no particulars.

B'air Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston.—One death, no particulars.

Clifford, No. 315, Clifford.—One death, no particulars.

Prince Arthur, No. 334, Arthur.—Bro. Thomas Powriss, M.M., date of death not given.

Waverley, No. 361, Guelph.—Bro. John H. Naismith, M.M., died September 18, 1901; Bro. Chas. S. Walker, M.M., died November 2, 1901.

Early in September last I gladly acted as intermediary in securing through R. W. Bro. Gunn, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Benevolence, a special interim grant in aid of a brother, very ill and in much distress, a member of Scott Lodge, Grand Valley. The case was urgent, and with most praiseworthy promptitude Bro. Gunn took proceedings which brought almost instant relief to the sufferer, and elicited the hearty thanks of the brethren interested in the case. The incident indicates the great good made possible through the wise administration of this fund.

The following questions have been submitted to me: "Is a brother under charges in good standing with the Lodge? Is such a brother entitled to his dimit? If so, would it be proper to give him a clear certificate, or would it be proper for the Lodge to state the charges in the certificate?" A proper answer would seem to be: (1) That the brother should be considered in good standing in his Lodge until the charges, properly made, have been sustained and a conviction secured. (2) That such a brother is entitled to his dimit if he applies for it, and that, when issued, the certificate should set forth the charges pending against the brother. (3) The granting of such a certificate need not interfere with the prosecution of the charges, as whether the brother is a member or not, he continues subject to the discipline of the Lodge, so long as he remains within its jurisdiction.

I have been asked whether or not the Worshipful Master of a Lodge may resign his office after installation? The answer is that he may not resign the office. Clause 188 of the Constitution sets forth clearly the procedure in case "the Master should die, be removed or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office."

An enquiry was also made as to the standing of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge in Grand Lodge attending while a competent Past Master holds the proxy of the Lodge regularly granted pursuant to a resolution of the Lodge passed at a stated meeting, the understanding

being that the proxy was granted as stated and that the Worshipful Master afterwards found it convenient to attend in person. I held that the Master and Wardens are the constitutional representatives of the Lodge at Grand Lodge, and that in the circumstances stated the proxy would be void and the Master would be regarded as representing and should cast the vote of the Lodge.

Applications were made through me for the confirmation by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of an amendment to the by-laws of Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton, fixing the date of the regular monthly meeting for the first Tuesday instead of the Tuesday on or before the full moon of every month, and for the dispensation of the Grand Master permitting the installation of the officers of Preston Lodge, No. 297. On a day other than that fixed by the By-laws the amendment asked for was approved and the dispensation issued.

During the year I issued dispensations as follows, to enable the brethren of the Lodges, with the visiting brethren, to attend Divine worship in Masonic clothing:

To Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph, to attend a union service under the auspices of the three city Lodges—Speed Lodge, No. 180; Guelph Lodge, No. 258, and Waverley Lodge, No. 361, on Sunday, 22nd December, 1901. Durham Lodge, No. 306, on 11th May, 1902. Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville, on Sunday, June 22, 1902. Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley, on Sunday, June 29, 1902. I had the pleasure of attending two of these personally, the union service at Guelph, and that held at Orangeville. At both the attendance of the members of the Lodges interested and of visiting brethren was very large, and the proceedings were in every way creditable to the craft. The preacher at both services was Brother the Rev. W. J. Hindley, Congregational minister at Guelph. A splendid Masonic spirit was manifest in his discourses, his illustrations were exceedingly apt, and the lessons taught commended themselves to the earnest attention of his hearers. Reports received from Durham and Grand Valley indicate that the services at these places were also well attended, and much benefit will undoubtedly result.

On the 13th June I issued a dispensation at the request of the brethren of Harriston Lodge, No. 262,

Harriston, to enable them to attend a special coronation service appointed to be held in Guthrie church, in that town, on Thursday, 26th June, 1902. Unhappily this dispensation and service had to be cancelled owing to the serious illness of the illustrious brother in whose honor it was to be held. The encouraging progress made towards the restoration of the health of His Most Gracious Majesty the King gives hope that this service may yet be held at an early date.

On a kind invitation given by Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne, I had, in company with a number of Past Masters and other members of Harris Lodge, Orangeville, the privilege of attending a meeting of the brethren of Shelburne and neighborhood on the occasion of the official visit of R. W. Bro. Raikes, D.D.G.M of the Georgian District, No. 9, to Lorne Lodge. The Lodge room is most tastefully and comfortably furnished, the attendance was excellent, and the exemplification of the work met with the commendation of the District officer, whose address on the occasion was a model of good taste and was warmly applauded by the brethren. An exceedingly enjoyable hour was afterwards spent at the refreshment table. The visitors deeply appreciated the pleasure of the gathering and the cordial hospitality extended to them by the members of the Lodge.

A most interesting function took place at the progressive and prosperous town of Berlin on the evening of Friday, 23rd May last, being the dedication of the new hall of Grand River Lodge, No. 151. On this trip I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. McLaren, the District Secretary, who heartily enjoyed the experience with me. The Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, convened for the purpose, was presided over by the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, J. E. Harding, K.C., who conducted the ceremony with a dignity and impressiveness which brought out the beauties of the ritual in a high degree. A very large attendance of the local brethren was present, together with representatives from London, Guelph, Preston and neighboring Lodges. The new hall of Grand River Lodge is probably the handsomest and best equipped in the district, and the members are, and ought to be, proud of it. At the close of the ceremony a sumptuous ban-

quet was served in a refreshment room in the same building. The presiding officer at this branch of the proceedings was R. W. Bro. VonPirch, the Grand Chaplain, who proved an able toastmaster, and in the course of the evening delivered a brilliant address, full of loyal and patriotic sentiment, which was applauded to the echo. A series of toasts met with happy responses, and a quartet from Preston enlivened the evening by effectively singing a number of selections, both humorous and sentimental. This notable gathering was brought to a close with a hearty rendering of "Auld Lang Syne."

With so much of general review I give in the following paragraphs brief notices of my visits to the several Lodges. These are not arranged according to the dates, but, for convenience of reference, by the consecutive numbering of the Lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge:

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: I visited this, the oldest Lodge in the District, on the 25th March last. The work comprised the conferring of the first and second degrees and opening and closing in the third. The work was exceptionally well done by the W.M. and officers. The records and business are kept well in hand by the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Oliver, and although there are considerable outstanding dues, the Lodge is in a flourishing condition. Four new applications were presented at this meeting. The hall is large, well fitted and furnished, and is occupied jointly by Alma and Galt Lodges. There are attached commodious reception and refreshment rooms, and everything has an appearance of comfort and convenience. At refreshments, following the labors of the evening, a pleasant time was spent. The Jardine brothers, of Hespeler, sang acceptably a number of Scottish songs, and an able and instructive address was delivered by Rev. Bro. Knowles, the District Chaplain.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: On March 11th I visited this Lodge officially and met with a most kindly reception. The first and second degrees were conferred in a most creditable manner by the regular officers. The utmost harmony and good feeling prevails. W. Bro. Uttley and other Past Masters attend regularly and give valuable assistance. At this time

the brethren were just completing the furnishing of their new quarters, the old Lodge room having been destroyed by fire on the 26th January, 1901. No pains or expense were being spared in fitting up a temple creditable to the craft—a cosy and pleasant meeting place. The membership is rapidly growing, and the prospects of the Lodge are properly described as “gilt edged.” At the conclusion of business an exceedingly pleasant time was spent in the exemplification of the fourth degree. I had again the pleasure of visiting the Lodge at the dedication ceremony by the Acting Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Harding, on the 23rd May, of which mention is made in a previous paragraph.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: I visited Ayr Lodge on the 10th March, at an emergency meeting kindly called for the purpose. In the absence of the Worshipful Master the chair was taken by Past Master Cassie. As there was no work set for the evening the exercises comprised the opening and closing of the Lodge in the several degrees, and was creditably performed. The Lodge is not increasing in numbers, but the members assemble regularly and enjoy their meetings, W. Bro. Cassie and other Past Masters taking an active interest in its welfare. The Lodge room is neat and comfortable and is owned by the Lodge. The dues are well paid up, and it is in a good financial position. The Secretary's books are well kept. The usual social gathering was held after the meeting and was much enjoyed.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: My call at this Lodge was made on the 4th March. The first degree was conferred in a satisfactory way by W. Bro. A. Summers, the W.M., assisted by the officers and W. Bro. Weir, and the Lodge was afterwards opened and closed in the several degrees with reasonable accuracy. A large number of visitors were present, including R. W. Bros. Scoon and Mahoney, with other Past Masters. I took occasion to recommend the W.M. to set apart evenings for Past Masters, in order that they might be kept in touch with the work. The Secretary's books are well kept, and although the Lodge is not adding much to its membership it may be regarded as being in a healthy condition. A pleasant time was afterwards spent in the commodious banquet hall adjoining the Lodge.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: On the 17th January I visited this Lodge, and a fair attendance of members was present. W. Bro. R. O. Kilgour, W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Ireland, conferred the first degree on a very intelligent candidate. The work was well done, the lecture on the tracing board being given by W. Bro. Ireland in an especially impressive manner. W. Bro. Kilgour is a skilled worker, and is held in high esteem by his brethren. The Secretary's books are in a satisfactory condition and the dues fairly well paid up. The prospects of the Lodge are encouraging, a substantial increase in membership having been made during the present year. Hospitable entertainment followed the meeting, and altogether my recollections of the visit to St. Alban's are of the happiest character.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I visited Irvine Lodge on the 20th of December last, and found a goodly attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being my old friend R. W. Bro. Mahoney, of Guelph. The first and second degrees were conferred in a highly creditable manner by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Godfrey, and Past Master McMurchy and well skilled officers. Much credit is due to R. W. Bros. Burns and Smith, who are in regular attendance at the meetings, the first named being the Secretary of the Lodge. The books and accounts are kept in a businesslike manner, and the future of the Lodge is quite promising. The social feature at the close of the meeting was not neglected, and, judging from my own experience, visitors to Irvine Lodge may always expect a hearty welcome and hospitable entertainment.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: This is my mother Lodge, and I have had many opportunities of seeing how the officers discharge their duties. My official visit was paid May 20th. There was a large turnout of members and visitors, the latter hailing from Shelburne, Grand Valley, and other neighboring towns. W. Bro. Glover, the W. M., presided, opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees and conferred the Entered Apprentice degree in a very able manner. He is well supported by a capable staff of officers. The membership is growing, the additions being of excellent material. In this Lodge also the Past Masters take an active in-

terest in its welfare, and its prospects are distinctly encouraging. The membership is the largest in the District, but it is to be regretted that the books show a considerable amount in arrears for dues. A splendid banquet was spread in the dining room after the meeting and heartily enjoyed by the company. Among the speakers were Bros. the Rev. G. A. Rix, Rev. E. W. Pickford, Past Masters Fish and Hughson, of Orangeville, and Bros. John Barr, M.P.P., Shelbourne, and Dr. Moore, of Horning's Mills. The evening was closed by the singing of R. W. Bro. Morgan's musical version of "The Junior Warden's Toast" and "God Save the King."

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: February 4th, 1902, was the date of my visit here. The attendance of members and visitors was large, the evening having been set apart for the exemplification of the work by Past Masters. R. W. Bro. Cranston (since deceased) occupied the chair as W.M.; W. Bro. Patterson, as S.W.; R.W. Bro. Taylor, as J.W., and R. W. Bro. Cowan, as S.D. All the chairs were filled by Past Masters, veterans of the craft. The first degree was conferred in a manner not surpassed in my presence by any Lodge in the District. A choir service given in connection with the work greatly added to its beauty and effectiveness. The Secretary's books were well kept. The Lodge generally is in a satisfactory condition, has a large and growing membership and a competent staff of officers and Past Masters. The entertainment at the close of the meeting was exceptionally pleasant, excellent speeches were made and splendid songs were sung. I shall long remember with pleasure my visit to Galt Lodge.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: I visited this Lodge on the 11th February last. The attendance was excellent, comprising a good complement of the members and visitors from the other city Lodges. A candidate was initiated in a creditable way by W. Bros. McDowall, the W.M., and R. Mahoney, jr. This Lodge is doing good work, the books are well kept, the financial standing good, and the officers well skilled in their duties. R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, sr., is a member of the Lodge, takes a great interest in its welfare, and is ably seconded by the other Past Masters. My visit closed happily

with a pleasant hour of social intercourse with the brethren.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: My visit here was paid on the 10th February last. The attendance was good and the first degree was successfully conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. Copeland, and his officers. This Lodge is full of life and energy, is doing good work, the membership is steadily growing, and the Lodge room is comfortable, well furnished, and a pleasant place of meeting. R. W. Bros. W. D. Hepburn and George Leighton and Past Masters John Prain, R. Dowling, D. P. Clapp, Dr. McCullough and others attend the meetings regularly and take an active interest in its welfare. The prospects of the Lodge are very encouraging. The social part was handsomely maintained at the close of business.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: I visited Erin on the 19th February last, being accompanied by W. Bros. J. A. Glover, W.M., and A. A. Hughson, I.P.M., and others of Harris Lodge, Orangeville. The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Willis, was prevented by business from attending. The work comprised the giving of the first, second and third degrees by W. Bros. Drury and Bryce, of Erin, and Glover and Hughson, of Orangeville, assisted by the officers of the Lodge. It is unnecessary to say that everything passed off satisfactorily. R. W. Bro. Conboy and W. Bro. Overland were among those present. The books are well looked after, the prospects good, and the financial standing unexcelled. Its cash assets amount to nearly \$700.00. We had a very pleasant time at the refreshment table.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: My visit here took place on the 19th March. There was an excellent attendance, including many visitors, among others R. W. Bro. Mahoney and W. Bros. McDowall, Darby and others, from Guelph; Hall and Miller, from Preston; R. W. Bro. Cowan, of Galt, and others from Berlin. R. W. Bros. Jardine and Lockhart, of Hespeler, were also present. The ceremony of initiation was conducted in an able manner by the W. M., Bro. Clark and P. M. Jardine, who were well supported by the other officers. • As in most other Lodges I have visited, the Past Masters take a lively interest in the welfare of New Hope. The

hospitalities common to such gatherings were well sustained here, and a number of excellent speeches and songs were features of the occasion. I am under a debt of gratitude to R. W. Bro. Jardine, who detailed one of his many sons, all enthusiastic Masons, to show me the numerous places of interest in the village and neighborhood.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: I visited this Lodge on the 5th of March. The second degree was conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. Henderson, assisted by W. Bro. Coram, and the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees by the W.M. With a little more experience Bro. Henderson will make a good officer. He is popular with the members, and is well sustained by the Wardens and other officers. I found several irregularities in the Secretary's minute book, which were corrected under my direction. The prospects of the Lodge are bright. Among the visitors present were those two kindly spirits, W. Bro. John Prain and Bro. Copeland, of Harriston; W. Bro. Lindsay, of Arthur, and others from Palmerston. Refreshments were served afterwards at the Queen's Hotel, and an exceedingly happy time was spent, extending into the wee sma' hours.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: My visit here took place March 20th. There being no work set for the evening a substitute was supplied and the third degree exemplified. The W.M. and officers do their work fairly well. The Past Masters take much interest in the welfare of the Lodge. Its financial condition is good, the membership is growing, and its prospects are very encouraging.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: The visit here was paid on the 22nd April, and I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. McLaren, District Secretary, who had an old-time acquaintance with many of the members. The attendance was excellent. The Lodge room is pretty and comfortable. The second degree was conferred creditably by the W.M., J. A. Hunter, who also opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees. The Lodge had a substantial addition to its membership during the year, and has very hopeful prospects for the future. Durham was then enjoying the pleasures of a

boom, and several important industries were being projected. Bro. R. J. S. Dewar, then J.W., now W.M., kindly accompanied R. W. Bro. McLaren and myself to different points of interest in the town.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I made my official visit to Blair Lodge on the 29th November. There was a good attendance. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon two candidates, father and son, a somewhat unusual occurrence. The work was conducted by the W.M., W. Bro. Clement, assisted by W. Bro. Dr. Greenlaw and W. Bro. Hyndman, and the Lodge officers, all doing their work well. The charge to the candidates was given by W. Bro. H. Hyndman, who takes an active part in the interests of the Lodge. The Secretary, Bro. H. McEwing, is a good officer. The Lodge is prosperous, and its financial condition good. My visit was a very pleasant one.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited this Lodge on the 30th May, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Hepburn and W. Bros. Prain, Dowling, Clapp and others, who kindly drove me up from Harriston. The W.M., Bro. Haselwood, opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees in an indifferent way, and Past Master Mathewson conferred the third degree on a candidate. The Lodge cannot be said to be in a prosperous state. There have been no additions to the membership during the year, and the officers have little opportunity for practice. The financial condition is good, but there is little to indicate active life in the Lodge. I would commend it to the kindly interest of my successor in office. The brethren treated me with every courtesy, and at a banquet after the close of the meeting the guests were most hospitably entertained, at which a number of excellent speeches were made. The visiting brethren from Harriston kindly offered fraternal support in promoting the welfare of the Lodge.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: My visit to this Lodge was made on the 17th December. I was met at the railway station by the W.M., Rev. Bro. Chadwick, and Bro. John Anderson, both of whom were exceedingly kind, and accompanied me to a number of places of interest in the village. At the meeting the business comprised the election of officers, which was

conducted most harmoniously and with despatch, and doubtless good men were selected for the various positions. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Chadwick most satisfactorily and with fair support from the other officers. W. Bros. Blair, Snider and Lindsay are prominent figures in the Lodge and render ready assistance. There were a goodly number of initiations during the year, but these were offset by resignations, suspensions and a death, so that the returns show some decrease in membership. The prospects, I believe, are, however, encouraging. We had an unusually pleasant time at the refreshment table after the close of the meeting.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: I visited this Lodge on the 4th April. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees by the W.M., W. Bro. Forster. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. J. J. Craig, and the third by P. M. Wansborough, both doing creditable work. There was a goodly number of members and visitors present, among the latter being W. Bro. Royce and a number of others, who kindly accompanied me from Erin. R. W. Bro. Smith and W. Bro. Godfrey, of Elora, were also present. The Lodge has recently passed through a severe crisis, and is in considerable debt, but an excellent spirit prevails among the members. The rooms are handsomely fitted and furnished, the Secretary's books are well kept, the meetings are fairly well attended, and on the whole the outlook may be regarded as quite promising. After the meeting the guests were most hospitably entertained.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: My official visit to Waverley Lodge occurred on the 24th March. W. Bro. Ainsworth met me at the station and accompanied me to the hotel. At the meeting of the Lodge the second degree was conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. A. McLaren, assisted by W. Bro. McDonald, and the Lodge was also opened and closed in the several degrees, all being well done. There was a fair attendance of the members, with a large representation of visitors from the sister Lodges of the city. I here again met R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, who has been exceedingly attentive during each of my visits to the Royal city. I desire to note with the sincerest regret that since this

visit deep affliction has fallen upon the home of this kindly brother. On the 23rd of May, after a long illness, his wife was removed by death, and thus closed a happy domestic union of nearly half a century. R. W. Bro. Mahoney has the deepest sympathy of his brethren and the community at large in his sore bereavement. The utmost harmony prevails in Waverley Lodge, the prospects are hopeful, and its financial standing unexcelled. After the meeting a pleasant social gathering was held, during which the Secretary, Bro. W. J. Greenshields, who had resigned and was leaving the city, was presented with an address and a gold locket, suitably inscribed, as tokens of esteem and regard on the part of the brethren.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: I visited this Lodge on the evening of the 14th March, and was accompanied by a large number of brethren from Harris Lodge, Orangeville, including R. W. Bro. McLaren, W. Bros. Glover, Fish, Hughson, Brett and others. No candidate being available, although several were on the list, a substitute was supplied for the exemplification of the work in the second degree by the W.M., Bro. Nodwell, and his officers. The work was fairly well done and will be improved upon by practice. The Lodge has an excellent Secretary in the person of W. Bro. McIntyre, and Past Masters Taylor, Hoffman, Moss, Preston, Watson and Campbell also take great interest in its welfare. On the whole its prospects are bright, and the high character of its officers and members entitle it to the best that is going. A most enjoyable social hour, with apt speeches and good songs, followed the meeting, and happily closed with an enthusiastic rendering of "Auld Lang Syne."

And this closes my story. I trust it may be considered a faithful record of my experiences. The duties of my office have entailed some labor and loss of time, but the associations enjoyed and the friendships established will remain with me as happy memories as long as life lasts. It has been a matter of sincere gratification to me that the noble fraternity with which I have been so long identified grows stronger and more firmly fixed in the affections of its adherents as the years go by. And so mote it be. With so much of comment

I resign hopefully my charge into the hands of my successor.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ROBERT IRVINE, D.D.G.M.

Wellington District, No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the Work done in Wellington District No. 7, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership			E. A.			F. C.			M. M.			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
						Mem- bership	Degree's	Conf'd	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.																					
72	Alma	Galt	100	10	10	8	8	7	4	5	4	4	1	1	1	10	2	23	\$35 00	6	\$ 30 00	June 25, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly									
75	Gr'nd Riv'r	Berlin	120	20	20	15	8	4	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	13	6	19	15 00	.....	.....	Jan. '02	Good	Good	Yes	\$1000 00							
81	Ayr	Ayr	26	3	3	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	4	16	14	6 00	.....	Fair	Good	Yes	700 00								
80	Speed	Guelph	78	1	1	4	1	4	4	1	2	1	1	4	1	13	2	15	20	30 50	14	190 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Yes								
93	St. Albans	Mount Forest	56	10	10	4	4	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	14	14	.....	.....	.....	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	500 00						
93	Irvine	Eloia	53	3	3	4	5	5	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	11	12	17	5 00	2	37 00	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	400 00								
106	Harris	Orangeville	129	10	10	12	14	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	5	17	30	22	137 60	Dec. '01	Vy Good	Good	Yes	400 00								
157	Galt	Galt	86	12	12	8	6	10	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	13	6	19	24	30	108 50	June 24, '01	Good	Bright	Yes	500 00								
166	Guelph	Guelph	58	8	8	7	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	23	32 75	24	118 00	June 18, '01	Good	1st Cla-s	Yes	Jointly								
262	Harriston	Harriston	77	6	6	6	10	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	25	9	61 75	June 21, '02	Healthy	Good	Yes	Yes								
271	Wellington	Erin	54	4	4	6	6	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	15	5 00	28	94 10	Jan. '02	\$ 698 06	Vy. Brht.	Good	Yes	600 00							
279	New Hope	Hespeler	54	1	1	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	16	4 00	6	52 13	June 24, '01	Fair	Good	Yes	500 00							
295	Conestoga	Drayton	34	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	4	16	14	7	38 47	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	400 00							
306	Durham	Durham	40	6	6	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	14	15	10	66 75	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00							
307	Durham	Durham	44	9	9	8	8	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	16	21	65 00	.....	Dec. 28, '01	Good	Good	Yes	400 00						
314	Blair	Palmerston	59	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	13	15	.....	100 00	Jan. '02	All O. K.	Fair	Yes	none.							
315	Clifford	Clifford	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	12	9	2	16 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Medium	Yes	500 00							
334	Fr. Arthur	Arthur	44	2	2	9	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	16	19	65 56	80 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	400 00							
347	Mercer	Fergus	42	2	2	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	13	1	14	12	26 00	14	65 25	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	300 00							
461	Waverley	Guelph	108	2	2	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	14	20	36	169 00	Dec. 26, '02	\$ 930 00	The Best	Yes	500 00								
521	Scott	Grand Valley	63	1	1	2	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	13	4	17	16	25 00	3	50 87	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	30 00							

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present the report upon the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District. Before doing so, however, I desire to thank the brethren of Hamilton District for the honor conferred upon me one year ago, when they elected me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also for the many kindnesses received from them during the year. It has been a year of peace and prosperity, in every Lodge in the District the best of feeling exists, and not in years has a better showing been made. One very gratifying feature is the large increase in the amount contributed to benevolence this year, in some cases the amount is equivalent to \$2 per member, which is certainly very creditable, and shows the true Masonic spirit. Soon after my election I appointed W. Bro. A. T. Neil District Secretary, and I wish to bear testimony to his excellent work throughout the year, having accompanied me on nearly all of my official visits, and made a careful examination of the Secretaries' books.

On my return from the funeral of our late beloved Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hungerford, I wrote each Lodge in the District suggesting that they should unite in a letter of condolence to the bereaved widow and family. The suggestion was acted upon, and such a letter was forwarded in due season signed by the Masters of the various Lodges throughout the District.

The uniformity of the work performed throughout the various Lodges is very noticeable, and I think bears testimony to the good and faithful work of the District Deputies who have preceded me in office. In order, however, to settle some minor differences, I held a Lodge of Instruction in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on

the evening of Friday, February 28th, which was largely attended, representatives being present from nearly every Lodge in the District. Instead of following out the usual course of having a set of officers work the several degrees as nearly perfect as possible, the entire evening was spent in discussing correct methods, floor work of the different officers, the examination of visitors, and a multitude of questions which presented themselves. I was deeply indebted to M. W. Bro. Murray and R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed for much valuable assistance on this occasion.

A brother who has had no small amount of work in connection with Grand Lodge reports gave me a hint not to make my report, as he expressed it, "on what I had to eat." Acting on the suggestion, which I consider a good one, I desire to settle the banquet question by saying that everywhere I was royally received and entertained and had ample evidence that the social side of Masonry is fully cultivated.

During the year dispensations were granted to the following Lodges to attend Divine service clothed as Masons, viz.: Seymour, No. 272; Waterdown, No. 357; Strict Observance, No. 27; Wentworth, No. 166; St. John's, No. 40, and Doric, No. 121.

A union service was arranged for June 29th, to be held in Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII. and the declaration of peace in South Africa, and in connection with the festival of St. John the Baptist. Although the postponement of the coronation and the anxiety for the recovery of our Most Gracious King took away a good deal from the service as originally intended, yet it was one of praise and thanksgiving to the Father of all for past mercies and rich promises for the future.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, has had a very prosperous year, notwithstanding the fact that it is the only Lodge in the district that has had a decrease in membership, due largely to the dropping of members who have removed far from their Masonic home and have grown careless. W. Bro. R. B. Griffith has made an excellent master, and during the past year has done much to improve the musical part of the work. This has been accomplished by a quartet of splendid voices. During

the year the Past Masters presented the Lodge with an entire new set of officers' regalia, which proves that they continue to take an active interest in the affairs of the Lodge. My official visit was made on the evening of June 6th, at which I conducted the election of officers. The prospects for old Barton are good.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, has also enjoyed a prosperous year, and has made substantial progress, is exceptionally well officered by bright young men, who take a pride in their work, and with the assistance of a quartet of carefully trained voices to aid in the conferring of the degrees, the work is of a high order. I paid my official visit on December 20th, and conducted the election of officers. This Lodge supports a ward in the hospital, which it furnished and endowed on the occasion of its jubilee celebration.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, is preparing to celebrate its jubilee this year, and though it cannot boast as it could for years the largest membership of any Lodge on the Grand Register, and has had to yield this distinction to others, it still continues to hold its own in other respects, has had a good year, and is in good hands, and the prospects are bright for the future. Death has removed a great many of its members during the past year, among them W. Bro. W. R. Job, who will be long remembered in St. John's Lodge. I visited officially on the evening of December 19, and conducted the election of officers.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, has enjoyed a very successful year under the guidance of W. Bro. Dr. Hanna, and heads the list in the amount of relief contributed. I visited this Lodge on January 14. The first degree was conferred in a very efficient manner. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of five Past Master's jewels to R. W. Bro. Passmore, W. Bros. Broadbent, Wood, Frank and Hamilton.

Harmony, No. 57, Binbrook, has not achieved that amount of success which one could wish or even expect from a Lodge situated as it is in a rich locality in which Masonry prospered for many years. No better proof of the indifference of the members could be had than the fact that two-thirds of them are in arrears for dues. I visited the Lodge on October 23rd. The W.M. could

do but very little of the work, but was fortunate in having a number of Past Masters who were well skilled. I trust my successor in office will find Harmony Lodge in better shape next year.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, has added another year of progress in its history. It has always striven to live up to the requirements and privileges of Masonry. One feature is its care of those requiring assistance. At every meeting the Lodge is called off for a few minutes to permit the brethren to deposit on the ashlar whatever they feel disposed to give, which is thankfully received and faithfully applied. Punctuality is another distinguishing characteristic of Acacia; the officers are in their places at 7.30. My official visit was made on the evening of December 13th, when I conducted the election of officers. W. Bro. Yapp is a very capable officer and has excellent support.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia, was visited on January 22nd. Owing to the fact that the roads were almost impassable on account of snow, the attendance was not large. The work was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Arrell and his officers, after which I installed the officers for the year 1902, assisted by R. W. Bro. Holden, V. W. Bro. Stewart, V. W. Bro. Jas. Old and W. Bros. Weir, Springstead and Neil.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas, has had a fairly successful year. W. Bro. Barnum made a very capable and painstaking officer, and was well supported by the majority of his officers. The best of feeling prevails. I made my official visit May 12th. The work for the evening was the third degree, which was executed in a highly satisfactory manner. I also presided at the election of officers in June, when the greatest unanimity prevailed. Bro. Dr. Bertram was elected Worshipful Master, and will no doubt carry the same enthusiasm into the work of the Master's chair that has characterized him in everything that he has been connected with.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, can also claim to be numbered among the Lodges that have been successful during the year that is gone. This is true, not only in the matter of candidates admitted, but also in the spreading abroad of the spirit of brotherly love and re-

lieving the needs of the unfortunate and the destitute. Brantford has made a grand showing this year in Masonic matters. I paid my official visit on June 20th, and, owing to the candidate for the evening having disappointed W. Bro. Gray I did not see any work performed. We, however, turned the meeting into a Lodge of Instruction, and R. W. Bros. Liddell and Freed gave the brethren the benefit of their ripe experience on any questions which were of a puzzling character, with the result that a pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton, has also had a year of prosperity, and has a very creditable showing. The amount expended in relief certainly shows that the Milton brethren are not unmindful of those whose circumstances appeal to a Mason's charity. Numerically, also, St. Clair has added a goodly number. I visited the Lodge officially on the evening of February 20th. The work was well performed and an active interest was shown by both members and officers.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington, has shown excellent progress during the past year. The work of W. Bro. Speers and his officers cannot be too highly commended. It was my good fortune to see the work on one or two occasions when I was not present officially, and I was much pleased with the bright, active manner in which it was performed. I paid my official visit on the evening of November 20th, when the work of the second and third degrees was exemplified in excellent form.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stony Creek: On the evening of December 23rd an especial communication of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of dedicating the new Lodge room at Stony Creek. M. W. Bro. H. Murray, as acting Grand Master, conducted the ceremony. As M. W. Bro. Murray, a few years ago, revived the interest in Wentworth Lodge when it was at a very low ebb, it seemed meet that he should be in charge of the dedication of their new Lodge room. The brethren of Wentworth Lodge are certainly to be congratulated on the splendid room they have set apart for their Masonic home. It speaks volumes for the prosperity of the Lodge, and will, no doubt, be influential in

furthering the interests of Masonry in the vicinity. I paid my official visit immediately after the dedication ceremony, and afterwards conducted the election of officers. While I did not see any work performed on this occasion by the W.M. and his officers, I had that opportunity on a former occasion, and can bear ample testimony to the good work done here.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, was visited on the evening of February 21st, and the work which I witnessed was very satisfactory. W. Bro. McCullough and his bright young officers gave a good rendering of the work. The showing of Bro. Carnegie, the Secretary, that only two members are in arrears for dues, speaks of business methods on his part. The formation of a Board of General Purposes a few years ago has had a very great deal to do with bringing credit to its present high standing.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George, has made greater progress than for several years past, and the prospects for the future are even brighter. The work of the first degree was well done on the evening of my official visit, April 24th. A good number of Past Masters continue to take an active interest in St. George Lodge, and stand ready to render any assistance in their power to W. Bro. Horning.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster, although numerically has stood still, yet I have every reason to believe, from several visits paid to it, that it has been making progress. The members are enthusiastic Masons, the work is well performed, the financial condition is good, and the brethren of Seymour can afford to be particular as to the material they admit into Masonry. I attended divine service with the Brethren on September 22nd and was much impressed with the way in which they paid a tribute to the memory of departed brethren. Before entering the church we made the round of the burying ground, and on passing a brother's grave each member dropped a flower, large quantities of which had been provided before leaving the Lodge room. My official visit was made on November 19th, when I saw the first degree very well done.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro, has also had a year of prosperity, above the average, and is in

good financial condition. I paid my official visit on the evening of May 22nd and witnessed the conferring of the first degree in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Jones and officers. There was a good attendance of the brethren. V. W. Bro. Alfred Jones, Secretary of the Lodge, is a model secretary, and his books show the greatest care and neatness.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton: Visited this Lodge April 22nd, and found it in excellent condition. W. Bro. A. J. McKinnon and his officers conferred the third degree in a most satisfactory manner on an exceptionally bright candidate, who answered his questions and repeated his obligation without a word of prompting. Bro. Stewart, the Secretary, keeps his books in splendid condition, and reports only three members in arrears for dues. I have every reason to believe that the true Masonic spirit is being propagated in a large measure in Walker Lodge.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton, has had one of the most prosperous years of its history, and its finances are in a more satisfactory condition than for a long period. As I have attended every meeting but one during the year I am thoroughly familiar with it in every way, and am convinced that not for many years have the affairs of Temple Lodge been so satisfactory as at present. On the evening of November 12th I paid my official visit, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Harding, Acting Grand Master. His visit was a source of satisfaction to the brethren, and he spoke very encouragingly of the work he saw performed by W. Bro. Carley and his officers. I also presided at the election of officers on December 10th, when W. Bro. Brown was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove, might, in many respects, be considered the banner Lodge of the district this year. When you consider this is distinctively a rural Lodge, and that it is not many years since the advisability of surrendering the charter was seriously considered, and contrast that state of affairs with the past year, with its 11 initiations, and an average of \$2.00 per member contributed to benevolence, it speaks well for the condition of Masonry in Waterdown Lodge. It was my privilege to visit this Lodge at its September

meeting and make the presentations of Past Master's jewels to W. Bros. Pepper and S. Flatt. My official visit was made in May and was a particularly pleasant one.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, has had an exceptionally successful year, having initiated twenty-five members and added a very considerable sum to its bank account. Its history of late years has been one of steady advancement toward prosperity. Although the youngest Lodge in the city it is financially the strongest. W. Bro. Lanagan has every reason to feel proud of the achievements of Doric Lodge under his guidance. To the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Emory, and the Past Masters, all of whom continue to work in the Lodge's interest, due credit should also be given. I visited the brethren officially on June 16th and conducted the election of officers. W. Bro. Clark, the newly elected Master, is a Masonic enthusiast, and will, no doubt, leave the impress of his character on Doric Lodge throughout the coming year.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: I visited this Lodge on the evening of March 18th, and was welcomed by W. Bro. Andrews in a few well chosen remarks and invited to inspect the work. I found the Lodge in better condition than ever before. The reception of twelve candidates during the year was ample evidence that it is alive and prospering. A very pleasant feature of the evening was my being asked to present nine Past Masters of the Lodge with jewels, and I was glad to know that in nearly every case they still continue to take an active interest in the Lodge's welfare. The brethren honored were W. Bros. John D. Willson, W. F. Davis, W. O. Joyce, H. Wilson, W. H. Robinson, W. H. Morden, James C. Ford, Geo. Hillmer and A. S. Forster. I was very pleased to have with me on this occasion R. W. Bro. John Watson, of 11a District.

Because I have not mentioned the names of the brethren who have accompanied me on my official visits during the year, it must not be inferred that I have not had the support of my brethren or that I am ungrateful to them for being with me at times at great inconvenience to themselves. Suffice it to say that the Past Masters and Grand Lodge officers of the Hamilton District could

not have been kinder or more thoughtful in the assistance which they have seen fit to render on every occasion, and to one and all I desire to render my sincere thanks.

In conclusion, I can only repeat what I said in my opening remarks, that after having gone carefully over the entire District I am convinced that the affairs were never in a more prosperous condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. M. CUNNINGHAM, D.D.G.M.,
Hamilton District, No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degre's conf'd		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other cases.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	\$	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Membership.	Conf'd.	Regular.	Emergent.													Total.													
6	Barton	Hamilton	333	...	4	15	13	12	9	1	3	11	...	4	13	4	17	40	169	00	105	\$ 676	00	June 1902...	Fair	Better	Yes	Jointly				
27	strict Obs..	"	299	10	19	18	21	...	3	2	3	...	6	3	5	13	9	22	34	78	65	24	61	00	June 24, '02	Excell'nt	Bright	Yes	Jointly			
40	St. John's ..	"	354	4	13	12	11	...	2	2	3	...	3	3	8	13	5	18	45	85	00	74	300	00	June 24, '02	1st Class	Bright	Yes	Jointly			
45	Brant	Brantford	149	11	10	13	9	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300	00	June 1902...	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Jointly			
57	Harmony	Binbrook	60	4	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	163	36	Jan. 1902...	Poor	Dull	No	No			
61	Acacia	Hamilton	290	11	20	19	19	1	...	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	75	Dec. 27, '01.	Al	Good	Yes	Jointly			
62	St. Andrews ..	Caledonia	48	7	6	5	5	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	00	Jan. 27, '02	Good	Good	No	200	00		
100	Valley	Dundas	85	4	6	7	5	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	83	June 1902...	Good	Good	Yes	500	00		
121	Doric	Brantford	199	12	16	19	17	4	...	2	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250	00	Dec. 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	500	00		
135	St. Clair	Milton	74	4	7	8	9	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	00	Dec. 2, '01	Fair	Very good	Yes	Ful. In.			
165	Burlington ..	Burlington	64	7	12	12	7	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	600	00		
166	Wentworth ..	Stoney Creek ..	101	5	6	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	00	Dec. 1901 ..	Good	Good	Yes	200	00		
219	Credit	Georgetown	72	5	6	3	7	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	00	June 1902 ..	Good	Bright	Yes	300	00		
243	St. George ..	St. George	53	2	5	5	4	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	00	Dec. 1901 ..	Fair	Good	Yes	250	00		
272	Seymour	Ancaster	78	...	4	7	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	64	Dec. 1901 ..	Good	Good	Yes	500	00		
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro ..	55	6	6	6	7	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	00	June 1902 ..	Good	Good	Yes	250	00		
321	Walker	Acton W.	42	6	6	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	00	Dec. 1901 ..	Good	Bright	Yes	200	00		
324	Temple	Hamilton	290	25	24	20	16	3	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101	50	Dec. 1901 ..	Good	Good	Yes	200	00		
357	Waverd'n ..	Millgrove	62	12	11	11	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	00	Dec. 1901 ..	Fair	Good	Yes	150	00		
382	Doric	Hamilton	189	19	25	23	9	2	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164	13	June 1902...	Excell'nt	Bright	Yes	Jointly			
400	Oakville	Oakville	104	12	12	13	6	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	50	Dec. 1902 ..	Good	Good	Yes	400	00		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit herewith my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Georgian District, No. 9, for the past Masonic year.

First, I desire to express to the brethren my most heartfelt thanks for the honor they have done me in electing me to represent the M. W. the Grand Master in the District, and also to convey to them my gratitude for the kind and considerate treatment accorded me while paying my official visits, the various Lodges appearing to vie with each other in making the visits as happy as possible. During the year it has been my constant effort to repay in some measure the many kindnesses heaped upon me. How lamentably I have failed is known only to myself.

My first official act was to appoint Bro. Rev. Joseph Shepherd, of Orillia Lodge, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. Silas Milligan, P.M. of Caledonian Lodge, District Secretary. Both of these officers have reflected honor on my choice by discharging their duties in a most conscientious and painstaking manner.

During the year I have been able to visit all the Lodges except one, and that, I regret to say, the one which most required assistance and instruction.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bro. George S. Millar, Kerr, No. 230, August 14; R. W. Bro. Robert King, Cerinthian, No. 96, July 24; R. W. Bro. Alvin Orton, Simcoe, No. 79, January 19; Bro. W. S. Hisey, Nitetis, No. 444, November 16; Bro. E. B. Harper, D.D., Kerr, No. 230, February 4; Bro. Daniel Reid, Dundalk, U.D., February 23. Of these Bros. King and Orton had both served the craft as District Deputy Grand Masters, and were called to rest; the one, his work

finished, had well earned his reward; the other, in the inscrutable wisdom of the Great Architect, was summoned from labor in the zenith of his strength; but to both could truly be said, the words of divine approbation, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Dispensations.—I granted dispensations to attend Divine service to Simcoe, No. 79; Pythagoras, No. 137; Caledonian, No. 249; Spry, No. 385; Beaver, No. 234; Manito, No. 90, and Orillia, No. 192.

Generally speaking, the work throughout the District has been remarkably good, the painstaking efforts of my predecessors bearing a fruit which I am sure even they hardly dared to hope for. This is the more evident because some Lodges which had been reported as utterly inefficient are now in the very foremost rank. The finances, as a rule, are in a healthy condition. This is no doubt due largely to the great measure of prosperity with which the country is blessed, and also to the untiring efforts of the secretaries, the most hardly worked and ill-recognized of all Lodge officers.

Lodge of Instruction.—Acting on the suggestion of the R.W., the Acting Grand Master, and with the kind assistance of the officers and members of Orillia Lodge, I called a Lodge of Instruction in Orillia on February 26. The meeting was honored with the presence of R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Acting Grand Master, whose advice and assistance was most freely given on every disputed point. There were also present R. W. Bro. H. L. Barber, D.D.G.M. Nipissing District No. 18; R. W. Bro. E. C. Roper, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. J. McL. Stevenson, R. W. Bro. W. Toner, P.D.D.G.M., and more than 200 brethren from the different Lodges in the District.

The entered Apprentice degree was exemplified by the officers of Orillia Lodge in an almost faultless manner, the Fellowcraft degree by Georgian Lodge in an equally meritorious way, and the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the officers of Corinthian and Kerr Lodges, of Barrie, in a style which left little room for criticism. After addresses by the Acting Grand Master and other visitors, the Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to an adjoining hall, where a most

elaborate banquet had been provided by the extreme kindness of the members of Orillia Lodge. The meeting has, I am confident, been a source of much benefit to the craft in the District.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford: In company with W. Bro. Sutherland, whose kindness I shall never forget, I visited this Lodge on April 28, and was most heartily received by the brethren. Among the large attendance were W. Bro. Atkinson, Tuscan, Toronto; W. J. Clark, Spry, Beeton; W. T. Sutherland, Kerr, Barrie, and W. Bros. Ogilvie, Boddy, Broughton and Oldham, of Simcoe Lodge. Three candidates, after passing a most creditable examination, were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, two by the W. M., W. Bro. Scanlon, and one by V. W. Bro. James Boddy. The work of the W.M. and Wardens was far above the average, that of the Deacons was good, and the I.G. discharged his duties in an almost perfect manner. The Secretary's books are very well kept, the finances sound, the Lodge room most comfortably furnished. Altogether I consider the prospects of Simcoe Lodge excellent, and a lasting memorial to the efforts of R. W. Bro. Orton, formerly a member of this Lodge.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88: I visited this Lodge on March 19, on the occasion of a presentation of a Past Master's jewel to R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Barrie, an occasion on which St. George's Lodge honored herself in honoring him. There was present an attendance of over one hundred, almost filling the beautiful and comfortably furnished Lodge room. Among the brethren in the East were R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Kerr, No. 230; R. W. Bro. R. McKnight, R. W. Bro. James McLauchlan, R. W. Bro. Creasor, W. Bro. Reid, W. Bro. C. Munro, W. Bro. Allan Cameron, W. Bro. John Campbell, W. H. Sinclair, D. McKenzie, W. H. Tucker, H. Kennedy, S. H. Wright, W.M., of North Star. The third degree was conferred upon a well prepared candidate by W. Bro. Marshall in a most impressive manner. His support by both Wardens and Deacons showed the result of much careful work. The Secretary's books were very well kept, dues well paid up. The prospects of the Lodge are of the very best. After labor the

brethren adjourned to their most comfortable banquet hall, where an excellent supper was provided. There speeches and music of a high character concluded a most thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: Visited this Lodge on March 26. Was met at the station by the W.M., W. Bro. A. D. Knight, and by him most hospitably entertained. Manito Lodge is favored in possessing one of the most beautiful rooms in the District, and the work of the W.M. and his officers is of a kind to do credit to their surroundings and to the long line of distinguished Masons who have preceded them. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred by W. Bro. Knight in an exceedingly accurate manner. The work of both Wardens was also very good. The floor work was of an unusually high character. The Secretary's books are fair. The prospects of the Lodge, situated as it is in one of the most thriving towns of Ontario, I consider particularly promising. Among the distinguished brethren adorning the East were R. W. Bros. Pye, Toner and Aylesworth, and W. Bros. Wynes, Allen, Currie, Gregory, Rowe, Watts, Nettleton, Hughes, Carpenter and Bethune. At the conclusion of labor a fourth degree was worked in a way calculated to reflect honor and credit on all concerned.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: Visited on May 1st. In accordance with a good old Barrie custom I was met and most hospitably entertained by the W.M. and officers. My reception in the Lodge showed the accurate training of its members. A particularly observant candidate was initiated by the W.M., whose work was in accord with the high standard set by Corinthian for many years. Were it not for a too rapid delivery, the work of the S.W. would have been perfect. The J.W. gave his lecture in the most perfect manner it has yet been my fortune to hear. As usual there was a goodly attendance of Past Masters in the East, among whom were R. W. Bro. Monkman, V. W. Bros. Stevenson, Wesley and Hallet, and W. Bros. Montgomery, McPhie, Smith, Cowan, Warren, Sutherland and Willis. The Secretary's books are very well kept, the finances in a most satisfactory condition, and the outlook unusually good. A banquet in the comfortable room adjoining the Lodge brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: My visit to this Lodge on March 21 I shall always look back upon as one of the pleasantest of many pleasant experiences. After driving over from Owen Sound I was taken care of by W. Bro. Stephens and Bro. R. White. The brethren of this Lodge have long had a reputation for hospitality, and that reputation is worthily kept up. The Fellowcraft degree was conferred upon a very intelligent and well-prepared candidate by W. Bro. Stephens in an impressive, though at times slightly inaccurate manner. The work of the Wardens was fair, and of the Deacons and I.G. very good, showing much careful training. The Secretary's books are well kept, dues well paid up. The Lodge room very good and excellently furnished. With the rapid growth of the town and the manifest enthusiasm of its officers, I think the prospects of this Lodge are very good indeed. A most sumptuous banquet at the Pane House, followed by speech and song, brought a very happy visit to a too early close.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: Visited this Lodge on May 16 and had an opportunity of hearing W. Bro. Wakefield work a third degree on a most excellent candidate. Few Lodges in the District can boast of such a beautiful Lodge room as Orillia has provided herself with, and certainly no Lodge is doing better work. The W.M. has an unusually impressive voice, and in addition has his work perfect. His support by both Wardens and Deacons is very good, and the true Masonic feeling among the brethren makes a communication of the Lodge a happy event looked forward to by all. With such enthusiastic officers, backed up by Masons of the type of R. W. Bro. Roper, W. Bros. Alport, Ardagh, Tudhope and Calney, Orillia Lodge is sure to prosper. After labor a bountiful spread was provided in the banqueting hall, where a couple of hours were most profitably spent in music and short speeches.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: On my official visit to this Lodge on January 17 I was received in a manner which showed that R. W. Bro. Morgan was still an active member of the Lodge. A candidate for the sublime degree passed a most searching examination in the work of the two former degrees, and was able to answer all questions propounded to him on the lectures as well

as the usual ones. A candidate prepared in this way is sure to appreciate the beauties of Masonry, and will always have a high respect for his instructors. The work of the W.M., W. Bro. Sutherland, was fully up to the high standard that he has always maintained. Both Wardens did their parts in a creditable manner, but the Deacons and I.G. hardly kept up the high reputation Kerr Lodge has for accurate work. The Secretary's books are very well kept, but there are a great many brethren in arrears who, in my opinion, should have long ago been suspended. The usual festivities concluded a most enjoyable night's work. The prospects of Kerr Lodge are excellent, and with the new officers installed on St. John the Baptist's Day, I have no doubt but that the present high class of work will be continued.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg: I visited this Lodge on March 18, accompanied by that sterling Mason, W. Bro. A. D. Knight, of Manito Lodge, Collingwood. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather there was a very large attendance. From what I could learn of the membership of this Lodge it would take much more than a Manitoba blizzard to keep them away from a meeting. Among the distinguished brethren present were R. W. Bro. Fred. Kent, R. W. Bro. Chas. Pye, V. W. Bro. John Dickenson, Secretary, and W. Bro. A. D. Knight. An initiation was well worked by the W.M., W. Bro. Mitchell, who was most ably assisted by both Wardens and Deacons. The Secretary's books, as one would expect, with such a Secretary as V. W. Bro. Dickenson, are models of accuracy. The financial standing is good. The Lodge room is comfortable and well furnished. The good work of a long series of eminent brethren is exemplified by the true Masonic feeling among the brethren. A banquet, followed by music and speeches, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown: Visited this Lodge on Friday, February 28th, and found the same degree of prosperity as was noted by my predecessor. One initiation and one third degree were worked by the W.M., W. Bro. McKay, in a most creditable style. The work of Bro. S.W. was hardly up to the high standard the Lodge has of late obtained. The J.W. was very

good, his lecture being remarkably well given. The J.D., a very old brother, did his work in a way which any active young man might be proud to emulate. The Secretary's books were well and neatly kept. The candidate for advancement was very well prepared, a sure sign that the officers have the good of their Lodge at heart. A most carefully worked fourth degree was enjoyed by all at the Mansion house. Manitoba Lodge, with many others in this part of the District, shows the good effect of frequent interchange of visits by the brethren of neighboring Lodges.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland: To this, my mother Lodge, I have found it necessary to pay two official visits and to do some plain speaking. My first visit was on November 19, when three initiations were worked by the W.M., W. Bro. Wallbridge, in a very creditable manner. The work of both Wardens was fair, the I.G. was absent, the Deacons fairly good. A strong interest in the welfare of the Lodge is taken by the officers, and a very large increase in membership is the result. Not the least satisfactory point is that though the membership has very rapidly increased the portals have been well and carefully guarded. During the year the Lodge has been refurnished in a most substantial and beautiful manner, and without drawing on the reserve in the savings bank. On June 16 I paid a second official visit to inspect the work of the new officers, and found a marked decline both in the character of the work and the interest taken in the welfare of the Lodge by the officers. However, with the number of enthusiastic young Masons, whose energy never fails, I have no doubt but that Caledonian will regain her old measure of prosperity. At this meeting the officers of Orillia Lodge worked a third degree in a way which I have never yet seen excelled. A most enjoyable banquet at the Gladstone House rewarded the brethren for their exertions in the earlier part of the evening.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner: It is my painful duty to say that I have not been able to arrange a meeting with this Lodge. Nor is it entirely my fault, for on several occasions when one had been proposed it was found impossible to get the brethren together, and on two occasions I was unavoidably prevented from go-

ing. The W.M. has left Stayner, and were it not for the unceasing efforts of W. Bro. Bethune, the Secretary, I am afraid the Lodge would ere now have ceased to exist. I am strongly of the opinion, as expressed by R. W. Bro. Kent, that it would be in the best interests of Masonry to advise the removal of the charter.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 288, Alliston: Visited this Lodge on November 20, being very kindly met at Cockstown and driven across by one of the brethren. One initiation and one Fellowcraft degree were carefully and accurately worked by W. Bro. Clark, assisted by two well-posted Wardens. The work of the Deacons was remarkably good, as was also that of the I.G. The Lodge room was comfortable and well lighted, though small. I understand that the brethren are now putting up a building of their own. The rapid increase in membership which the Lodge is making, and the high class of material they are able to get, fully warrant them in their high hopes for a continuance of their present prosperity. On the conclusion of labor an excellent supper was provided in the ante-room, where excellent speeches were delivered by R. W. Bro. Chrystal and others.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: My visit to this Lodge, which has gone through so many difficulties, was one of the happiest experiences of my year of office. Accompanied by W. Bros. G. G. Smith, A. Cowan, J. Willis, W. J. Sutherland, J. Pulling and Bro. F. Jackson, I drove out on February 18 through a blinding snow storm and was received in a way to make one forget all difficulties. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. Two excellent candidates were initiated, one by W. Bro. Black, the W.M., the other by W. Bro. McConkey. The work of the W.M. and all his officers was well nigh perfect, and has certainly not been surpassed by any Lodge in the District. The S.W. gave his lecture in a particularly accurate and impressive manner. This Lodge is blessed with a most excellent Secretary, who not only collects the dues most vigorously, but also sees that no funds are wasted. Last year half the total revenue from dues was devoted to charity, a record of which none of the more pretentious Lodges in the District can boast. A most unique and enjoyable

supper concluded the evening's work. The prospects of this Lodge, under the present regime, is excellent.

North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: Visited this Lodge on April 23, having been kindly accompanied from Meaford by several enthusiastic members of Pythagoras Lodge. The spacious and beautiful Lodge room was well filled, while the East, as is Owen Sound custom, was adorned with Masons on whom the weight of advancing years but adds to their love for Masonry. W. Bro. Harry Wright conferred the Entered Apprentice degree and raised two well prepared candidates to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a most excellent manner. Such an amount of work as this generally makes the presiding officer stale before the end, but W. Bro. Wright kept up to the end the same careful attention that he displayed at the beginning. The work of the Wardens and Deacons was well done, that of the I. G. perfect. Secretary's books very well kept and finances in a flourishing condition. A first-class banquet, with speech and song, concluded a most enjoyable evening. The prospects of North Star are very bright. The town of Owen Sound is manifestly benefited by the true Masonic feeling engendered by the two Lodges which are such a credit to it.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton: In company with Bro. Newall, of Markdale, I visited this Lodge on the evening of April 24, the W.M. having very kindly called an emergent meeting for my convenience. Though it was a very short time since the last regular, there was a large attendance. There being no work on hand, a candidate was examined by a Board of Trial on the floor of the Lodge, and then a dummy candidate was put through the initiation ceremony. The work of the W.M. was only fairly done, both Wardens' work was good, the Deacons and Inner Guard showed want of careful training. The Lodge room is very comfortable and well furnished. The Secretary's books are models of what they should be. The Assistant Secretary has been for years an invalid, and has been most carefully looked after by the Lodge, which is doing true Masonic work in the sacred cause of charity. After labor an excellent supper, provided by the wives of the brethren, was partaken of, and a most enjoyable couple of hours spent in friendly discussions.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: Officially visited this Lodge on November 7 in company with Bros. Short and House, of Caledonian Lodge. After a very wet and uncomfortable drive over from Midland, we were received in most excellent style by W. Bro. Martin and his officers. A second degree was conferred in a capital way on a well posted candidate. How well the work was done may be judged from the fact that Georgian Lodge was selected to exemplify the second degree at the Lodge of Instruction in Orillia in February. On the conclusion of work we were entertained at a most recherche supper at the Canada House, where the vocalists, for whom Georgian Lodge is celebrated, gave us a charming entertainment. In August of last year this Lodge was favored with a visit from M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, and several prominent American brethren who were staying in Penetang, and all of whom were able to give most instructive addresses. W. Bro. Kenny makes a model Secretary. His books are well kept and dues promptly collected. The prospects of this Lodge are very bright.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: Visited this Lodge on Friday, May 2. The beautiful Lodge room was well filled with members and also many visitors from Orangeville and other towns, including R. W. Bro. R. Irwin, D.D.G.M., Wellington District; R. W. Bro. J. McLaren, P.D.D.G.M., who had very kindly come up to assist. Two second degrees were conferred by W. Bro. Mowat and his officers in good style, the work of the Deacons being particularly praiseworthy. The Inner Guard, too, was very good. Lorne Lodge possesses one of the most beautiful rooms in the District, and is doing excellent work in the cause of Masonry, as evinced by the good feeling among the brethren. After labor the craft adjourned to the Mansion House, where a supper was provided, the pleasant memories of which will never be effaced from my mind.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: I visited this Lodge on the festival of Ireland's patron saint, and notwithstanding the severity of the weather found the room well filled. An initiation and third degree were worked in a manner which entitles Spry Lodge to a place in the first rank. There was no weak spot in the work any-

where. The beauty of the work here, as in some other Lodges in this vicinity, I regard as owing to the frequent interchange of visits and the healthy rivalry that is thereby engendered. Spry Lodge, too, has the advantage of the constant assistance of the venerable Bro. Chrystal. After labor was over we repaired to the banquet room, where a couple of hours were spent in discussing a most excellent repast and listening to speeches and songs such as delight the heart of every Mason. Bro. John Ross kindly entertained me at the House of Refuge till next morning's train.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore: Visited this Lodge on Tuesday, March 25. Owing to the train service I arrived rather late, but was kindly met at the station and escorted to the Lodge room, where the ceremony of receiving the representative of the Grand Master was very well performed. Owing to indisposition of W.M., the Secretary, W. Bro. Hood, was in the chair and discharged the duties of Master in a most impressive manner. No candidates being on hand, a brother kindly consented to be put through the initiation ceremony. The work of both Wardens was fair, that of the Deacons very good. The Secretary's books were well kept, dues well paid up. The W.M. can work first two degrees. All the officers have the well-being of the Lodge at heart, and with the assistance of the younger members will, I consider, make the prospects of the Lodge fairly good.

Dundalk Lodge (U. D.): Assisted by that sterling Mason, R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, I visited this Lodge on March 20. There was an attendance of 20 in a comfortable and well furnished Lodge room. W. Bro. Clarey, the W.M., exemplified the third degree on a well-prepared candidate in an excellent manner. The J.W. was absent, but his place was well filled. The S. W. did his work in an exemplary way, both Deacons and I.G. showed the result of careful coaching. The members are enthusiastic and united, and will, I am confident, make the Lodge a success, though at present they are battling with the financial difficulties which beset all young Lodges. They have in W. Bro. Symington a really excellent Secretary.

In conclusion I desire to say that I give up my office

with most sincere regret that I shall have no more an opportunity of meeting the many brethren who have treated me with a kindness far beyond my deserts. The work throughout the District has been good, much better than I had expected to find, and this excellence has not been confined to the larger towns, but was most marked in the villages, where in many cases the small Lodges are doing a work, not only as regards the ritual, but in the broader Masonic spirit that many of the wealthy town Lodges might be proud to emulate.

Fraternally submitted,

RICHARD RAIKES, D.D.G.M.,
Georgian District, No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No 9, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members.		Degree's			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.										Total.
79 Simcoe.....	Bradford	61	5	...	7	6	1	...	1	...	1	13	11	14	25	\$50 00	16	\$ 236 95	Dec. 1901 ...	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 400 00	
88 St. Georges	Owen Sound	112	10	...	9	5	6	4	2	7	2	14	5	19	25	30 00	4	132 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
90 Manitou	Collingwood	117	4	...	3	1	3	...	...	...	1	12	2	14	30	30 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
96 Corinthian	Barrie	160	8	7	9	1	9	1	11	2	13	23	20 00	16	101 00	Dec. 30, '01	Good	Good	Yes	1250 00
137 Pythagoras	Meaford	68	10	...	9	6	4	1	1	13	8	21	15	15 00	8	50 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
192 Orillia	Orillia	109	15	...	13	10	8	4	4	...	...	12	5	17	25	...	20	...	June 20, '01	Very good	Very good	Yes	1000 00
230 Kerr	Barrie	101	3	...	5	4	2	2	...	...	...	2	12	12	24	55 10	24	199 50	June 25, '01	Fair	Good	Yes	1250 00
234 Beaver	Clarksburg	60	5	...	5	2	2	...	...	...	...	13	13	19	19	55 00	2	15 00	Dec. 27, '01	1st class	Very good	Yes	300 00
236 Manitoulin	Cookstown	33	...	...	1	5	3	4	2	1	7	10	1	11	13	35 00	2	4 50	Jan. 1901	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
249 Caledonian	Midland	35	16	...	18	21	16	...	...	...	...	1	11	9	20	23	23	144 98	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	700 00
266 Nor. Light	Stayner	49	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	6	6	10	10	10 00	5	41 00	June 13, '02	Fair	Poor	No	...
285 Seven Star	Alliston	25	9	...	9	10	9	1	1	...	...	1	12	6	18	18	...	...	June 24, '02	Good	Good	No	...
304 Minerva	Stroud	92	2	...	4	4	3	...	1	1	...	1	11	11	12	26 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	...
322 North Star	Owen Sound	25	7	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	12	15	25 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
333 Pr Arthur	Flesherton	56	...	...	2	4	3	1	7	...	...	10	2	12	15	50 00	15	122 47	June 24, '01	Good	Good	No	150 00
348 Georgian	Pentanguish	40	5	...	5	4	4	2	2	...	...	13	1	14	15	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	...
377 Lorne	Shelburne	52	4	...	4	5	4	...	1	1	...	1	13	1	14	17	3	32 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
385 Spry	Beeton	51	11	...	12	15	15	...	1	2	...	15	7	22	1	10 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '01	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	400 00
444 Nitetis	Creemore	32	2	...	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	1	11	2	13	12	2	8 00	June 24, '03	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
U D Dundalk	Dundalk	21	1	...	3	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	12	2	14	...	...	145 00	June, 1901..	Fair	Fair	Yes	...

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Niagara District, No. 10. but before doing so, permit me to thank the brethren of this historic district for the honor conferred by electing me to the important office of D.D.G.M., and also for the courteous and kind treatment accorded me during my term of office and on the occasions of my official visits to the different Lodges.

It gives me great pleasure to report that the work done in the different Lodges throughout the District is of a high order, and it is gratifying to notice that Lodges, where the work some years ago was not quite according to Grand Lodge requirements, are now well in line and in charge of capable and zealous officers who are well up in the esoteric work, and what to me seems most essential to the welfare of a Lodge, are giving assistance and encouragement to the younger members, so that when their day comes they will be found equal to the occasion and the several Lodges in the future will be well equipped with competent and well drilled officers.

I regret that it was not possible to hold a Lodge of Instruction during my term of office, for while the brethren of every Lodge visited were most anxious for one it was found after thorough discussion that the expense was more than any Lodge or Lodges could undertake.

The average attendance of members of the several Lodges is satisfactory, but the number of brethren reported as being twelve months in arrears is altogether too large, in connection with which it is my opinion that the Secretaries should not "mince" matters, but so far as practicable insist on the brethren paying their dues

promptly, and, if possible, not allow any of them to get behind. Indeed, I think it would be a positive kindness for every Lodge to pass a by-law making the dues payable quarterly and employ a collector to get them in, for it is much easier for a brother to pay 75 cents quarterly than \$3.00 at the end of the year.

The following deaths have been reported: W. Bro. John Taylor, died 22nd January, 1902; Bro. D. Robinson, M.M., died 25th April, 1902; Bro. A. J. Adams, M. M., died 17th March, 1902, all of Amity Lodge. Bro. B. O'Loughlin, died December 9th, 1901; Bro. R. Wynne, died April 18th, 1902; Bro. Jas. A. Filloner, died April 20th, 1902, all of St. George's Lodge. W. Bro. David Scott, died May 14th, 1902, of Ivy Lodge. Bro. W. E. Barker, died November 14th, 1901, of Merritt Lodge. Bro. Roderick Campbell, died June 28th, 1901, Mountain Lodge. Bro. D. Scott, died September, 1901, Temple Lodge. Bro. Arthur E. Patrick, died February 3rd, 1902, Palmer Lodge. Bro. Robert Stevenson, died December 29th, 1901, Myrtle Lodge.

I have granted dispensations for the purpose of attending divine service, clothed as Masons, to Copestone Lodge, Welland; St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, and St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.

My first official visit was made on the evening of 24th September, 1901, to Dufferin Lodge, Wellandport, accompanied by W. Bros. Eccles, Marshall and Dr. Clark. The third degree was worked in excellent style by W. Bro. Gracev assisted by V. W. Bro. Shafley and W. Bros. Cohoe, Prentiss and Goring. W. Bro. D. C. Holmes is an efficient Secretary, and the prospects of the Lodge are good. The fourth degree was given to the enjoyment of all, and a most instructive and pleasant evening was spent.

On the 29th of October, 1901, I visited Palmer Lodge, Bridgeburg, accompanied by W. Bro. Marshall and Bro. Jennings. The first degree was exemplified faultlessly by the W.M., W. Bro. Dr. Mencke, assisted in a most able manner by his Wardens, Bros. Magwood and Fickle. This Lodge has an excellent Secretary in the person of Bro. Watts, and is very popular with the Sister Lodges in Buffalo, particularly with Occidental, from whom it was recently the recipient of a present of a

handsome Bible, with a square and compasses in solid silver. Brethren from Cleveland and Buffalo were present, and we were all well repaid for our visit from the excellent work done and the hospitable treatment accorded after the Lodge was closed.

On the 31st of October, 1901, accompanied by W. Bro. Sheehan, I visited St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, and had the pleasure of seeing the first degree given in excellent style by W. Bro. Vollick and his Wardens, Bros. Fitzgerald and Dr. Kerr, and I can assure you that it was a treat to listen to the J.W.'s lecture on the tracing board as given by Bro. Kerr. R. W. Bro. Hoshal was most interesting and instructive in his remarks, not only in the Lodge but afterward at the festive board, where a most enjoyable hour was spent. The books are kept in an able manner by Bro. Anthony.

St. Mark's Lodge, Niagara Falls South, was visited on the 19th of November, 1901, and I had the good fortune of having R. W. Bro. John C. Bartle and Bro. Slater accompany me. We were repaid by the manner in which W. Bro. Sloggett, with the assistance of Bro. W. Fradenburg, conferred the Master's degree. The genial Secretary, W. Bro. Hull, takes great interest in his work, and the Lodge is in a flourishing condition.

On the 21st of November, 1901, Union Lodge, Grimsby, was visited in company with Bros. Jennings and Griffith, both young but enthusiastic Masons. The first degree was ably conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. Phipps, assisted by W. Bro. Drope, the Orator of the Lodge, and the Wardens. It was a pleasant surprise, and I felt highly complimented by the presence of M. W. Bro. Gibson and R. W. Bro. Simpson, my predecessor in office, both of whom had come over from Beamsville for the occasion. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the highly interesting historical reminiscences of this Lodge given by R. W. Bro. Forbes and W. Bro. Dr. Millward were thoroughly appreciated.

Temple Lodge, St. Catharines, occupied the evening of 27th of November, 1902, when the first degree was ably worked by W. Bro. Notman, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Robinson and W. Bros. Cornwall, MacGregor and Bean. It was a pleasure to meet W. Bro. Leubsdorf and listen to his able and instructive re-

marks. This Lodge is in good hands, and the Secretary, Bro. Lovelace, has his books in first-class order.

On the 30th of January, 1902, I again had the pleasure of visiting St. Catharines for the regular meeting of Maple Leaf Lodge, where they conferred the third degree in their usual able manner. The work done by the W.M., W. Bro. H. R. Thompson, and his Wardens, Bros. Newman and Potter, being in every way up to the standard. R. W. Bro. Connor spoke in his usual happy strain, as also did W. Bro. Leubsdorf, and the evening passed with profit and pleasure to all who were fortunate enough to be present.

Clifton Lodge, Niagara Falls, was the next visited, I being met at the station and introduced by R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartee. This Lodge is in able hands, and the manner in which the first degree was worked by the W. M., W. Bro. Gribble, and his Wardens, Bros. Barker and Griffith, was worthy of every praise, the Junior Warden's lecture being especially well delivered by Bro. Griffith. Bro. J. Dickinson, of the Savoy, was indefatigable in his endeavors in looking after the brethren at the excellent banquet provided after the meeting was over.

On the 17th of February, 1902, I paid my official visit to Merritt Lodge, Welland, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Shafley and W. Bro. D. C. Holmes, both of Wellandport, and Bro. Harry Ellis, of St. Catharines. We had a most pleasant evening both during work and afterwards, and the work in the third degree was well done by W. Bro. Hill and his Wardens, Bros. Weller and Dawdry, and interesting addresses given by R. W. Bro. Crow and Bro. the Rev. G. Johnston.

Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, was my next visit on the 18th of February, 1902, where the first degree was ably conferred by W. Bro. Meyer and his Wardens, Bros. Prudden and Gilmore. R. W. Bro. Simpson, with the assistance of V. W. Bro. Ritchie and Bro. Sinclair, backed by W. Bro. Meyer, made every one at home, and the after part of the evening was spent in the most pleasant manner.

MacNab Lodge, Port Colborne, was visited on the 18th of March, 1902. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Amsden, W. Bro. Marshall and Bros. Galbraith and Ellis. They had no work, but opened and closed the

several degrees in the most creditable manner. The books are kept in an excellent manner by Bro. Cook, who is a careful and painstaking Secretary.

On the 19th of March I visited Seymour Lodge, Port Dalhousie, being met in St. Catharines and accompanied there by R. W. Bro. C. H. Connor. The examination of the candidate and work done by W. Bro. Powell was worthy of all praise, as also was the lecture in the second degree by W. Bro. Walton.

Accompanied by Bro. R. F. Lattimore I visited Myrtle Lodge, Port Robinson, on the 27th of March, 1902, where a number of the brethren from Thorold had driven over for the meeting, and interesting remarks were made by them, especially by W. Bro. Munroe and Bro. Southerland. No work was done, but V. W. Bro. Bell, who has the interests of the Lodge at heart, assured me that they were making good progress, and I am satisfied that he and the excellent Secretary, W. Bro. Bennett, can look well after the Lodge and see that their anticipations for the future are realized.

Copestone, Welland, was visited on the 3rd of April, 1902, where I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Simpson, of Beamsville, who had come over for the occasion. They have a first-class Secretary in Bro. F. Main, who keeps his books in excellent order. The attendance was good, and R. W. Bro. I. P. Wilson and Bro. the Rev. G. Johnston delivered most eloquent and instructive addresses on the benefits of Masonry. No work was done, but the several degrees were opened and closed satisfactorily.

Amity Lodge, Dunnville, was visited on May 7th, and I had the pleasure of the company of W. Bro. Gribble, of Clifton Lodge, Niagara Falls, and W. Bro. Griffith, of the Barton Lodge, Hamilton. This being a Lodge in which I hold membership, I, of course, may be expected to be too partial in my praises regarding them, and therefore shall merely say that while no work was done on the occasion of my official visit, I know that the three degrees can be, and are, conferred in every way according to Grand Lodge requirements. W. Bro. Clark is a painstaking and efficient Master, and has able assistants in his Wardens, Bros. Scholfield and Aikens, and with the assistance of the old time Past Masters like R. W. Bros. Tipton, Parry and Amsden, and W. Bro. Ec-

cles, together with V. W. Bro. Braund, W. Bros. Marshall and J. W. Scholfeld, with Bro. Griffith, the painstaking and efficient Secretary, there is no reason why this Lodge should not continue to progress in the future as it has in the past.

On the 16th of April, 1902, I paid my official visit to Mountain Lodge, Thorold, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Bartle, where we had the pleasure of listening to a flow of oratory from R. W. Bros. Connor and Johnston, W. Bros. Thomson and Leubsdorf, and Bro. D. Harris, after the first degree had been ably conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. McGill, and his Wardens, Bros. Bald and Shriner. Bro. Bald favored us with an oration and recitation, and the evening was much enjoyed by all. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and has a most efficient Secretary in Bro. Fish.

On April 22nd, 1902, my duties took me to St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, where I had the pleasure of witnessing the Master's degree conferred by my old friend, W. Bro. MacLaren, who did the work in a faultless manner. He has most efficient Wardens in Bros. Dean and Dr. Harris, and it was a treat to listen to the speeches of R. W. Bro. Connor and W. Bro. Yale, both of whom enlightened the brethren on the early history of the Lodge, and Masonry in general, in St. Catharines for the past eighty years.

Hiram Lodge, Hagersville, was my next visit on the 9th of May, 1902, and while no work was done owing to two candidates not turning up for initiation, I am satisfied that the future prosperity of this Lodge, which has had hard luck in the past through its members leaving Hagersville, is excellent, and with such bright Masons as W. Bro. Foreman and his Wardens, Bros. Almas and Swayze, assisted by W. Bro. McNichol, there is no reason why it should not be in a flourishing condition at no distant day.

On the 17th of May, 1902, I visited Enniskillen Lodge, York, and was royally entertained not only by the brethren but by the ladies as well, and I must not forget to place on record my appreciation and thanks to the fair sex for their reception as well as for the beautiful bouquet of flowers presented to me. This Lodge has efficient officers in W. Bro. Bond, W.M., and his Wardens.

Bros. Brown and Runchey, and its enthusiastic and excellent Secretary, W. Bro. the Rev. C. Scudamore, and is in a flourishing condition financially and doing good work. At the banquet after the Lodge closed we were treated not only to all the good things of the season, but had the pleasure of hearing eloquent and able speeches from Bros. Davis, Mellon, Clark and Emerson.

On the 18th of June, 1902, I finished up my official visits at Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara, where I had the pleasure of witnessing the third degree conferred in excellent style by W. Bro. Masters, assisted by W. Bros. Knox, Clement and Best, and Bro. Brown. W. Bro. Bottomley, of Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, and Bro. Felker, of Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, entertained the brethren with good practical speeches, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Bro. Campbell is an excellent Secretary and the books are well looked after.

I was unable to visit King Solomon's Lodge, Jarvis, on the 21st of March, 1902, as arranged, owing to illness, but was fortunate in getting the veteran and expert craftsman, R. W. Bro. T. L. M. Tipton to officiate in my stead, and his report of this Lodge is that it is doing good work and has efficient officers in its W.M., W. Bro. Thompson, and his Wardens, Bros. Mills and Parsons, and it goes without saying that the books are in able hands with Bro. Hill as Secretary, and with the assistance of Bros. Dr. Jaques and Noble the future is bound to be as bright as the past has been.

In conclusion, permit me to thank all the brethren for the courteous manner in which I have invariably been received on my official visits, and the W. Masters and Secretaries of the several Lodges for their gracious and prompt attention to all requests for information regarding matters connected with their several Lodges.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. G. W. CONOLLY, D.D.G.M.,

Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem-ber-ship.	Degree's conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
							E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
2	Niagara...	Niagara	45	2	7	2	3	3	1	1	1	8	...	9	3	12	13	10 00	7	\$ 200 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	\$1500 00	
7	Union	Grimsby	65	4	12	2	1	1	1	2	...	...	14	1	15	31	14	10 00	9	69 00	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Very good	Yes	500 00
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	92	9	12	11	1	1	1	2	...	...	3	14	5	19	23	10 00	19	203 00	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
32	Amity	Dunnville	81	7	3	5	5	7	2	...	...	...	3	11	6	17	23	41 25	19	203 00	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Good	Yes	100 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga	81	5	10	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	16	17	10 00	17	123 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	113	6	5	4	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	5 00	24	173 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
105	St. Mark's	Niagara F. S. th	61	10	...	8	8	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	16	22	20 00	17	76 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
115	Ivy	Bramsville	75	1	...	8	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	9	24	5 00	16	88 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
168	Merritt	Welland	69	1	7	1	11	1	...	5	4	...	...	3	9	...	10	2 00	1	45 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
169	MacNab	Port Colborne	57	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	2	14	2 00	1	4 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
185	Enniskillin	York	24	...	...	2	2	2	4	2	3	...	...	1	12	2	14	2 00	1	65 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
221	Mountain	Thorold	80	11	2	10	8	7	1	2	...	...	1	15	3	18	26	2 00	15	112 00	Jan. 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	720 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	94	4	...	5	5	5	2	1	2	...	...	9	10	12	...	7	44 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Bright	Yes	200 00	
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	32	3	1	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	20 00	19	150 00	Feb. 1, '02	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
216	Temple	St. Catharines	63	...	1	2	3	3	3	...	2	...	...	1	11	11	15	...	17	112 00	Jan. 3, '02	Poor	Good	Yes	...
319	Hiram	Hagersville	34	4	5	3	2	1	1	3	...	...	...	12	12	16	...	6	21 00	Jan. 2, '02	Even	Good	Yes	320 00	
329	King Sol'm	Jarvis	43	2	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	8	3	11	...	7	40 00	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	Fair	No	300 00
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	27	2	4	4	4	4	...	1	...	...	...	1	8	3	11	...	18	71 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	31	8	...	7	5	2	2	1	...	...	...	12	1	13	13	25 00	...	2 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	69	8	1	8	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	14	5	19	18	...	...	5 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
373	Copstone	Wellan t	47	9	...	6	4	6	3	1	...	...	...	13	5	18	14	44 00	1	...	...	...	...	...

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, No. 11.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

For your consideration I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Masonry in this District for the past year. Twenty Lodges, with a record of 237 initiations, 32 affiliations and 12 restorations, with a net increase of membership of 179 after deducting resignations, suspensions and 21 deaths, indicate an exceptional year of prosperity. Utmost harmony has prevailed throughout, and the Lodges appear to vie with one another in maintaining the honor and dignity of the craft. The pervading fraternal spirit, earnest effort and warm enthusiasm of the Masters, officers and brethren of all the Lodges kept abreast with the increase of membership.

During the year I had the pleasure of holding three Lodges of Instruction (not Lodges of exhibition), one in each degree, the first degree in Harmony Lodge, No. 438, the second in Alpha Lodge, No. 384, and the third in Wilson Lodge, No. 86, when an effort was made to instruct the brethren in the work. Goodly numbers attended each, and we believe all present were interested and instructed. I am much indebted to the Masters and officers of each of these Lodges for their kind co-operation, not forgetting the many Past Masters who willingly assisted me. I shall ever be grateful to the entire membership of the District for their hearty response and generous help in every effort made for the good of all. The impression for good upon the new members by the Masters and officers in emphasizing the spirit, without neglecting the letter of the work, will have a beneficial effect upon the District. My duties were lightened by the official services of my District Secretary, W. Bro. E. C. Davies, P.M. of Harmony

Lodge, No. 438, who kindly accepted the responsibility and cheerfully performed every duty imposed upon him.

It would be difficult for me to distinguish between the Lodges in the performance of their respective duties. Equal praise and but little criticism are due to each. Faithfulness, earnestness and care characterize all. The neatness with which the Secretaries of the respective Lodges keep their books is a feature both pleasing and unique.

Many of the Lodges have been generous in providing excellent music for the Lodge rooms and banquet halls. The excellence of the Harmony Lodge Quartette, Wilson Lodge, Zetland Lodge, Ashlar Lodge and Stanley Lodge choirs deserve special mention. Inspirations to lead a good life come from realms of song as well as speech, and I urge the importance of good music upon the consideration of every Lodge. At a considerable sacrifice the Harmony Lodge Quartette accompanied me on several official visits. It is only fair to state that they have no equal in the District, and their influence on Harmony Lodge has led others to introduce first-class music in the Lodge room.

Death unexpected early in the year called our honored and greatly respected Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford from labor to eternal rest.

The important duty of Grand Master has been worthily and zealously undertaken by the Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, who has in such official capacity promptly and very acceptably responded to many requests in this District, and whose friendship and direction I gratefully acknowledge.

The laying of the corner stone of the monument erected to the memory of our Bro. Robert Burns on Saturday, June 21st, 1902, by the Acting Grand Master and officers of Grand Lodge, and the special church services in honor of the Festival of St. John the Baptist and the intended coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII., attended largely by the Lodges of Districts Nos. 11 and 11a, and accompanied by the Acting Grand Master and many Grand Lodge officers, were the most important functions of the year. My worthy colleague, R. W. Bro. John Watson, D.D.G.M. District No. 11a, materially assisted in making each of these two functions an unqualified success.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: I spent a pleasant evening on my official visit to this Lodge on Thursday evening, June 12th, 1902. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree, and each officer did his work in a creditable manner. R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P.D.D.G.M., and a member of this Lodge, was present and assisted in making the evening enjoyable. It has an excellent standing, comprising a membership of almost 200. There has been a substantial increase during the year, and W. Bro. Robert Home, the W.M. of this Lodge, is a careful and earnest Mason, and under his guiding hand the Lodge has prospered.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple: This Lodge has fair prospects and ably manned by W. Bro. Cousens as W.M. and W. Bro. Leeds Richardson as Secretary, it hopes to have a continuance of prosperity. An increase of two in membership marks the progress of the year. I was much disappointed at not being present on an official visit, but my District Secretary, W. Bro. E. C. Davies called upon the members and found the Lodge in a satisfactory condition. We look forward to a visit at a later date.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto: This is a healthy representative Lodge of the District, with a membership of 236. I paid my official visit on Thursday, the 3rd day of April, 1902. The work done on this occasion sustained a high standard of excellence throughout, and the W.M., W. Bro. Crichton, proved himself a worthy Master of his Lodge. R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, P.D.D.G.M., of Barrie, delivered an interesting address upon "The Harmony of the Masonic Degrees." At this meeting there was a large number of visitors present and an enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: I installed the officers of this Lodge on the 17th day of December, 1901. It is in a healthy condition. Prospects good. Its membership is over 200. Besides the W.M. there are many Past Masters in the Lodge, who materially assist in keeping up the interest therein. I must specially thank the W.M. and officers and brethren for kindly responding to my request to hold a Lodge of Instruction in the Third Degree on Tuesday evening, the 18th day of March, 1902. I am grateful to the Lodge for their kind-

ness and their banquet supply, which was much appreciated by the brethren. In my three Lodges of Instruction during the year I desire also to thank W. Bro. Geo. McLeish and W. Bro. Purdon, of this Lodge, for their excellent help. Acting Grand Master R. W. Bro. John E. Harding honored us with a visit on this occasion and kindly took part in the instructions. The Lodge choir, under the leadership of Bro. Dockray, is a large and most efficient one, adding much to the interest and profit of the Lodge. The W.M. is an excellent workman, and the officers of the Lodge are painstaking in their efforts to maintain a high standard of efficiency.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton: I am grateful to R. W. Bro. George Tait, P.D.D.G.M. of the district, for his official visit on my behalf to this Lodge on the evening of July 4th, 1902. The books were found to be in an excellent condition and the prospects of the Lodge fair. A lack of new material is shown by the number of Past Masters who have to take subordinate offices from time to time. The first degree was conferred upon a candidate in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Dr. Stewart and the officers of the Lodge. The Lodge room is an exceptionally fine one for so small a town. Everything seems harmonious. R. W. Bro. Tait had the honor of installing W. Bro. John McCabe and the other officers of the Lodge.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: This Lodge, consisting of 20 members, has held all its regular communications and maintained the number of its membership during the year. W. Bro. W. J. Brereton, the Secretary of the Lodge, is an enthusiastic Mason and always at his post assisting the W.M. in the discharge of his duties. Though small in number, its prospects are fair and much interest is taken in the work.

York Lodge, No. 156, North Toronto: The prospects of York Lodge are good, its numbers increasing and its members enthusiastic. W. Bro. Charles Moseley, W.M., has proved a good presiding officer. My official visit was fixed for Friday, the 20th day of June, 1902, but circumstances over which I had no control deprived me of my visit on that occasion, which I deeply regret. This Lodge has made substantial progress, and a marked increase in membership is expected.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: My predecessors will recollect the enthusiastic way in which this progressive Lodge does its work and entertains its guests. My official visit on Tuesday evening, the 17th day of June, 1902, was a pleasant one, and no exception to the rule. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. A. J. Hood and his officers on a candidate in a most impressive manner. All officers did good work. In the absence of the S.W., V. W. Bro. A. Morton, the Secretary, and one of the veterans of the District in Masonry, occupied the chair. My immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, was present and assisted in the work, as well as presided at the banquet table. R. W. Bro. Geo. Tai, P.D.D.G.M., accompanied me on this visit. His address on Masonry in Scotland, and the address of Bro. Rev. Canon Welsh, of this Lodge, on "Masonry," "The Scottish Bard, Robert Burns," and "Loyalty to King and Country," will long remain as a pleasing recollection by those present.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: I had the honor of visiting this Lodge on more than one occasion during the year. They are great entertainers. On 27th day of November, 1901, the Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. E. Hardinø: W.M. and officers of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 145, Stratford; W.M. and officers of Stratford Lodge, Stratford, and W. Bro. Newell and officers of Medina Lodge, New York State, were distinguished visitors. The Stratford brethren conferred the first degree upon a candidate. At this meeting the ballot was passed on twelve applications for initiation. The Acting Grand Master was most cordially received. All visitors shared similarly. The original and varied program of entertainment and banquet were pleasing as well as unique features of the evening. This Lodge has musicians and vocalists galore. My official visit was made on Tuesday evening, the 25th day of March, 1902, when in the presence of a large number of members and visitors the Lodge conferred the first degree upon a candidate to my entire satisfaction. Good music. This is one of the foremost Lodges of the District, comprising a membership of 238, exceeding in numbers Rehoboth, No. 65, by 2, and Alpha Lodge, No. 384, by 8. During the current year they initiated 37, passed 33,

raised 29, affiliated 3, holding 28 meetings, regular and emergent. This Lodge has excellent prospects. I was very well pleased with the excellent spirit and skill with which W.M., W. Bro. A. E. Aylsworth, governed the Lodge and impressed the membership with the fundamental principles of the craft.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: On December 19th, 1901, accompanied by my District Secretary; W. Bro. Francis Blackburne, W. Bro. Tim Barber, W.M. of Occident; W. Bro. J. G. MacDonell, W.M. of Alpha, and the Harmony Lodge Quartette, after a pleasant trip on the Metropolitan Street Railway we arrived at Thornhill to pay an official visit and were treated royally. A candidate was initiated impressively. W.M., W. Bro. Forbes did excellent work. The J.W., Bro. J. W. Breakey, after a long and serious illness, was present and welcomed back to the Lodge, though not sufficiently recovered to take up his work. W. Bro. George Fisher acted as J.W. and delivered the Warden's lecture with good effect. W. Bro. E. Francis earnestly delivered the P.M. charge. The singing of the Harmony Lodge Quartette in the Lodge room, as well as in the entertainment at the fourth degree, delighted everybody. Bro. A. Muckle made an excellent Secretary, and has lately been elevated to the position of J.W.

Robertson Lodge No. 292, King: This Lodge has a membership of 38, and regularly held its meetings during the year. W. Bro. G. R. Egan is ably assisted by his Secretary, W. Bro. A. Carley. W. Bro. E. C. Davies, my District Secretary, kindly visited the brethren of this Lodge, and reports that the prospects thereof are good.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: On Wednesday, April 16th, 1902, I paid this Lodge an official visit. W. Bro. J. R. Franks and the Lodge received me cordially. Its location at Weston, in the vicinity of Toronto, and the new rule of Grand Lodge contained in the last sentence in Sec. 215 of the Constitution has somewhat injured the prospects of this Lodge. Many of the residents at Weston are employed at Toronto, and so have taken advantage of the above section and joined city Lodges. The Lodge complains of this disadvantage, yet, notwithstanding, they are enthusiastic Masons and

prospects are fair. W. Bro. W. Wilby, the newly-elected W.M., will prove a worthy successor of W. Bro. Franks.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: Located in the historic hills of Woodbridge, this Lodge, though not large in numbers, can truthfully boast of many efficient Past Masters who take an earnest and intelligent interest in the work. The worthy Secretary, W. Bro. Thornhill A. Agar, an old and enthusiastic Mason, is well known to many of our Grand Lodge officers. On Friday, March 21st, 1902, accompanied by my District Secretary, we visited the Lodge, when the W.M., W. Bro. E. W. Lawrence, and his officers, initiated a candidate creditably. We were well entertained at the fourth degree. This Lodge owns a comfortable solid brick building partly furnished, and has good prospects.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: This Lodge, comprising 358 members, is the largest Lodge in the District. It is also the largest Lodge in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Malcolm J. Cockburn, the W.M., is an enthusiastic Mason, and ably assisted by his officers. A first-class choir assists. I spent a pleasant evening on Friday, June 27th, 1902, on my official visit, when much work was done and the first degree exemplified satisfactorily. A goodly number was present. Thirty-five initiated, 26 passed for six months in 1902 only, 39 raised, 5 affiliated and 1 restored speak louder than words for the popularity and usefulness of the Lodge.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: On Wednesday, December 18th, 1901, I installed the officers of this Lodge. On Wednesday, June 18th, 1902, I paid my official visit. A large number of the brethren was present. The first degree was exemplified. W. Bro. Tim Barber, the W.M., honored the Lodge by a careful and intelligent rendition of the work, ably assisted by his officers. While I would find it difficult to distinguish, in degree, the character and excellence of the work uniformly done by the respective Lodges of the District, yet I cannot refrain from stating that this Lodge was not surpassed by any in adhering to the letter and spirit thereof. W. Bro. John Muir, of this Lodge, kindly assisted me in the Lodge of Instruction in the second degree. Prospects excellent.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: I regret that I was unable to visit this Lodge during the year, but I am much indebted to R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, who kindly consented to visit this Lodge for me. Though unable to hold all its regular communications during the year, the prospects are fair, and an effort will be made during the coming year to increase the interest.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: Though not a large Lodge, yet none in the entire District does better work. During my official visit on Tuesday evening, April 22nd, 1902, the third degree was exemplified in an impressive manner, and no part of the work was omitted. A good spirit is manifest, and the Lodge healthy and promising. W. Bro. J. D. Evans and several other Past Masters of this Lodge are untiring in promoting its best interests.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Parkdale: On December 27th, 1901, I installed the officers of this, my Mother Lodge. W. Bro. J. G. McDonald and his officers have had a good year and much work. The Past Masters are loyal and attend regularly. A Lodge of Instruction in the second degree was held there on Thursday evening, March 6th, 1902, when W. Bro. J. W. Isaacs occupied the chair, assisted by P.M's of the Lodge, and others. A very large number was present, and much interest taken in the work. We are obliged to the Lodge for this favor, and also for providing bountiful refreshments. My official visit was on Thursday, June 5th, 1902. The W.M. is thoroughly conversant with his work. Bro. R. Thompson, J.W., in his lecture, and W. Bro. John Gray, in the P.M's charge, deserve mention for their excellent work. All other officers were careful and exact. Twenty-nine initiations, 3 affiliations and 1 restoration during the year show progress and prosperity.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: The popular W.M., W. Bro. John Patterson, proved himself a painstaking and excellent officer. He is well assisted by a capable staff. My official visit on Tuesday, March 4th, 1902, was a pleasing one. M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully and R. W. Bro. Rev. H. S. Matthews, P.G.C. honored this meeting with a visit and added to the interest of the evening. The first degree was well exemplified, and J.

W. Bro. Martin deserves special mention for ease and impressiveness in the delivery of the Warden's lecture. For several years this Lodge honors Bro. Gassion, an aged and worthy Mason, with the position of Chaplain. The Lodge is in a healthy and prosperous condition.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto: The excellent record of this Lodge (the baby of the District) during the past year is a tribute to the good work of W. Bro. Thomas McQueen and his officers, ably assisted by many prominent Past Masters and members. The Harmony Lodge Quartette, consisting of Bros. Davies, Gorrrie, Blight and Taylor, is an important feature. I am much indebted to this quartette for accompanying me at official visits during the year and delighting everybody with their unique service of song. We are also much indebted for generous treatment in providing for a Lodge of Instruction in the first degree on March 24th, 1902, and for a sumptuous repast for the many visiting brethren. Forty initiated, 36 passed, 21 raised, 4 affiliated and 2 restored, with 12 regular and 10 emergent meetings, besides furnishing an excellent and painstaking District Secretary in W. Bro. E. C. Davies during the year, show the healthy condition and bright prospects of this young and enterprising Lodge. The fact that it has apparently taken the lead in the District will, I am sure, be envied by none and praised by all.

I gratefully acknowledge the great honor conferred upon my Mother Lodge and on me in my unanimous election to the high office of D.D.G.M. by the brethren of this important District of Grand Lodge, and their uniform kindness, good will and faithful support throughout the year. I have tried my best to do my duty. My earnest wish is that peace, happiness and prosperity will attend each Lodge and the entire membership.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. W. ST. JOHN, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto West District, No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership.		Degre's confid.		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
						Membership.	Confid.	E. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.										Total.
92	King Sol'm	Toronto	199	17	8	13	13	7	3	1	4	1	4	1	4	12	5	17	61	108 52	13	\$390 90	Jan., 1902..	Good	Good	Yes	Cov'd
54	Vaughan	Maple	37	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	11	5	8 00	14	87 00	June 30, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	\$1400 00
65	Rehoboth	Toronto	236	17	6	14	14	10	3	2	2	2	2	4	11	6	17	44	60 00	23	324 65	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
86	Wilson	Toronto	201	13	1	10	10	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	13	54	100 98	9	70 00	Dec. 28, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Insur'd	
98	True Blue.	Bolton	46	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	10	1	11	12	8 00	8	58 00	June 24, '00	Good	Good	Yes	605 00	
118	Union	Schomberg	20	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	10	1	12	12	Not g.	3	25 00	June 24, '00	Fair	Good	Yes	800 00	
156	York	North Toronto	90	9	3	6	6	5	2	1	1	2	1	3	12	5	17	21	35 00	25	152 90	Dec. 22, '01	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00	
229	Ionic	Brampton	69	4	5	4	3	2	1	1	3	1	3	1	11	17	28	42	333 13	22	416 75	Dec. 26, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Insur'd	
247	Ashlar	Toronto	238	40	6	37	33	29	3	3	6	2	1	1	13	13	13	15	40 00	2	...	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
265	Patterson	Thoruhill	39	4	2	3	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	13	12	12	13	55 00	4	19 50	June 17, '02	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00	
292	Robertson	King	38	3	3	2	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	11	11	11	12	7 00	7	34 40	June 24, '01	Fair	Good	Yes	150 00	
305	Humber	Weston	43	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	11	1	12	14	40 00	3	38 52	June 24, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	182 Insur'd	
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	35	7	1	7	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	10	10	20	130	10	100 00	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
326	Zetland	Toronto	358	41	14	35	35	39	5	1	9	3	2	3	10	8	18	42	50 00	9	59 10	June 24, '02	Fair	Good	No	100 00	
346	Occident	Toronto	175	19	11	17	19	13	1	1	2	6	1	1	8	1	9	8	15	69 65	15	69 65	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Insur'd
356	River Park.	Streetsville	35	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	30	10 00	16	129 80	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
369	Mim'co	Lambton Mills	68	6	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	12	30	10 00	36	266 30	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
384	Alpha	Parkdale	230	33	19	29	26	20	3	1	7	10	2	1	13	8	21	61	92 50	2	165 60	Feb. 4, '02..	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
426	Stanley	Toronto Junct.	172	11	6	10	9	8	1	3	2	1	1	1	12	5	17	40	100 00	2	315 70	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Insur'd	
438	Harmony	Toronto	171	45	12	40	36	21	4	2	11	1	1	1	12	10	22	38	78 45	15	...	...	...	...	Yes	Insur'd

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 11A.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Toronto East District, No. 11A.

Let me state in the first place that it has been a very pleasing duty to act in the honorable position of D.D.G. M., to which I was elected at Grand Lodge in the city of Hamilton on the 18th of July, A.L. 5901, and in the next place let me take this opportunity to express my gratification for the honor conferred, for the pleasure I have enjoyed and the kindness and courtesy shown me all through my official term. I have endeavored to perform my duties to the very best of my ability, and if I have failed in any particular I ask the forbearance and the benefit of your Masonic charity. I have worked, though conscious of my shortcomings, in earnestness and sincerity, and feel thankful that I have not failed at least in giving the time and labor the important position requires.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. John J. Thompson, Past Master of St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto, as District Secretary. I cannot speak too highly of the valuable assistance he has given me, and I am deeply indebted to him for the able and painstaking manner in which he has performed all the duties of District Secretary and for his company and counsel in my official visits, especially in the District out of the city. W. Bro. Thompson has taken this deep interest in the work, I know, from a pure love in the work of the craft, and on several occasions he has visited and installed officers when I have been engaged elsewhere in District work. I also appointed W. Bro. Rev. Baynes-Reed, P. M. of Acacia Lodge, No. 430, as District Chaplain, and

before entering upon the active duties of my office I caused the following circular to be issued, and sent two copies to each of the twenty Lodges comprising this District:

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, A. F. & A. M., IN THE PROVINCE
OF ONTARIO.

*To the Worshipful Masters and Brethren in Toronto District,
No. 11a:*

WORSHIPFUL SIRS AND BRETHREN:

At the Forty-Sixth Annual Communication, held in the City of Hamilton, on July 17th, 1901, I was honored by the brethren of this District with the position of District Deputy Grand Master, and I fail to find words adequate to express my appreciation of so great a distinction. To use the words of my predecessor, "to represent the Grand Master in any District is a serious duty, but to represent him in this, the banner district, is indeed a high honor"—and like him I feel keenly the responsibilities of so sacred a trust. Conscious of my weakness and my shortcomings I gladly seek your assistance and co-operation, also that of my predecessors in office, in the discharge of my important duties.

I desire in the first place to pay a tribute to R. W. Bros. Glanville, Inwood and Gould, who have preceded me, for the very efficient and harmonious condition everything connected with this prosperous district has been brought up to, and it is a source of great satisfaction to feel and be in a position to state that the District at the present time has attained a higher place than ever before.

I trust that the same peacefulness, prosperity, progress and fraternal union may continue to prevail, so that if I am spared to make a report to the Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication, I may be in a position to say regarding the District, that no cloud has appeared on the horizon, harmony and good feeling everywhere prevail, and that in no previous period has there ever been greater zeal and enthusiasm displayed by the Masters, officers and members in our District.

2. To assist me in my duties I have appointed W. Bro. John J. Thompson, P.M., of St. George Lodge, No. 367, to be District Secretary. He will conduct the correspondence of the District, accompany me as far as possible in my visits, and assist me in my duties. All communications to be sent to his address, 77 Yonge street, and they will receive careful and prompt attention. I have also appointed the Rev. W. L. Baynes Reed, P.M. of Acacia Lodge, District Chaplain.

I request that one copy of the By-Laws of each Lodge be forwarded to me at an early date, and I hope also that the Lodge circulars will be sent to me regularly.

3. Visitations.—Following the example set by my predecessors, I will endeavor to visit each Lodge once, and oftener if

possible. From my acquaintance and knowledge of the skill and ability, the zeal and enthusiasm which characterize the officers of the several Lodges, together with the healthy, inspiring and friendly rivalry and desire to be perfect that happily exists throughout the District, I scarcely expect that I will be able to improve on this pleasant state of affairs, but my heart is with you all in your labors and your pleasures, and my desire is to assist that there may be no diminution in the peace and prosperity prevailing in our beloved Order—no deviation from established usage.

4. It will be hardly necessary to call your attention at length to certain important matters closely associated with the success of the subordinate Lodges. I will merely mention them. They are referred to by my worthy predecessors and are included in a measure in the report on "Condition of Masonry," which report I would recommend to you to be read in open Lodge. Please do this when you receive copy of proceedings.

(a) Lodges of Instruction.—Eleven were held in 9 Districts, some holding two. It is satisfactory to note that they were well attended and admittedly had a good effect. I invite your assistance with a view of holding one or two during my tenure of office.

(b) Arrearages of Dues.—The report on Condition of Masonry referred to calls attention to this question. The Board expressed the opinion that every reasonable effort should be made to reduce the serious amount, in some cases, of outstanding dues. The longer dues stand, the more difficult is the collection. Careful inquiry should be made, leniency extended to the deserving, and to those incapable extend the mantle of Charity. Secretaries are urged to be watchful and use especial effort in the direction of keeping down the arrearage.

The W.M's are respectfully directed to give this matter their careful and close attention.

(c) Promptness in opening the Lodge and celerity in the despatch of general business are conducive to a healthy condition. The officers and members can greatly assist the W. M. in this direction.

(d) Importance of keeping full insurance on Lodge effects is again emphasized.

(e) Fraternal Visitation Between Lodges.—I trust this feature may continue in our midst even to a greater extent than in the past. Announcement of visits to be made and received on the circulars has a good effect on attendance, and encouragement thus given to officers, has also an inspiring effect on candidates and younger brothers. It tends to uniformity and perfection in work.

(f) Desirability of holding Lodge elections in June.

(g) Encourage the social side of Masonry. I heartily recommend the holding of at-homes, festivals and concerts.

(h) Restore suspended members and take steps towards interviewing the non-affiliated, with a view of bringing them back to the fold.

(i) Hold rehearsals and invite members to attend them. On regular nights, if not engaged in business or degrees, the evening would be profitably spent in rehearsing work, reciting obligations, lectures and charges, exemplifying examining board, etc.

5. I desire to say something to you regarding Masonic funerals. Could not something be done in some cases to have a respectable attendance—I mean numerically. The W.M. is supported sometimes by so few of his officers, or acting officers in some instances, and members. It is a reflection on the Craft, and a poor tribute to the deceased brother and sorrowing friends. I would suggest, and it may help a little, at least it can do no harm, that the Secretary of the Lodge conducting the funeral send notice to the W.M. of the Lodges in the vicinity, giving the name of deceased, time and place of funeral; the W.M. receiving the notice to select three or more brethren of his Lodge to attend as a committee or deputation. We are all brothers of the one family. "Their eyes are closed, let ours be the clearer vision to see and do our duty; their nerveless hands have dropped, let ours be the readier for the kindly act."

I would ask the Secretaries to report all deaths to me as they occur, giving name, rank and residence, dates of initiation and death.

6. In conclusion, brethren, I gladly seek the kindness, forbearance and co-operation of the many bright and able Masons in this banner District. I shall try and govern myself by a close adherence to the line of duty, and a careful following out of my instructions. My aim will be to discharge my duties without fear or favor, having always in view the best interests of the Craft.

Masonry flourishes throughout the District. May it still progress, and when I hand over the reins of office to my successor, may they be of a prosperous jurisdiction, as has been my heritage.

May the District ever stand high in the respect and esteem of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN WATSON, D.D.G.M.

At a meeting of the District in Hamilton it was unanimously resolved that a committee be appointed to procure a testimonial for presentation to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. H. I. Gould, and that the Lodges be asked to contribute pro rata of membership to the cost of such testimonial. The following committee performed the duty satisfactorily, viz.: W. Bros. J. Nicholson, F. Anderson, H. T. Smith, T. Malcolm and Wm. Stark. The rate per member was 2½ cents, and each Lodge promptly responded.

On October 14th, at the regular meeting of Stevenson

Lodge, No. 218, R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould was made the recipient of a handsome set of regalia befitting his rank, and as a token of sincere respect and approbation for the valuable services and untiring energy devoted to the cause of Masonry during his term of office. W. Bro. John Nicholson, of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, on behalf of the District, made the presentation, and on the same evening W. Bro. Christie, W.M. of Zeta Lodge, No. 410, on behalf of the Masters of the city Lodges in this District, presented to R. W. Bro. Gould a large framed and handsome picture group photo of the donors, which picture I may add now graces the interior of Zerodatha Lodge at Uxbridge.

Death of our Grand Master.—The sad intelligence of the affliction which befell our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, to be followed soon after by his death, came as a dreadful shock to us all. At our previous communication our late Grand Master in his report referred to some of those of our brethren who had passed into the unseen world; little did it then occur to us that he too would so soon be summoned to lay down the working tools of this imperfect Lodge to join hands in the Grand and Perfect Lodge above. Our Lodges here in every case expressed at their meetings, following his lamented death, their feelings of sympathy and regret, and in most cases caused their circulars to be printed with edge of black indicative of their sadness. On behalf of the several Lodges of the District I forwarded a wreath, and was accompanied to London, to attend the funeral, by several of our Toronto brethren.

Lodges of Instruction.—Pursuant to circular letter from Grand Lodge, asking that Lodges of Instruction be held, I departed from the usual course and arranged that each of the city Lodges should exemplify one degree, and five meetings were held, as follows: March 28th, at Georgina Lodge, Ionic worked the second, Georgina worked the third. April 1st, at Orient Lodge, Doric the first, Orient the third. April 7th, at St. John's Lodge, St. John's worked the third, and Acacia, from East Toronto, was unable to have all their officers present; the first degree assigned was not exemplified on this evening as arranged. May 2nd, at St. George Lodge, St. George the first, St. Andrew's the second.

May 12.h, at Stevenson Lodge, Zeta the first, Stevenson the third. I would call your attention to the above that these meetings were held in different parts of our city, and all were well attended. The brethren had an opportunity of visiting one or more meetings, each Lodge was satisfied in having been selected to work a degree, and general satisfaction was apparent to each and every Lodge. I can definitely state that the work in each instance was done in a most thorough manner, the Lodges vieing with each other to excel in every particular. Boards of Trial were included at each of these meetings, thus affording further instruction of an interesting nature.

By-Laws.—During the year the following Lodges obtained from the Acting Grand Master his approval to changes in their by-laws: Brock Lodge, No. 354; Georgina, No. 343, and Acacia, No. 430.

Arrears of Dues.—The number of members in arrears for dues show a marked improvement in this respect and a considerable reduction in the amount outstanding.

The Departed.—I regret to have to report an increase in the number of deaths over the previous year. I have endeavored to obtain a complete list, and include same:

They number twenty-nine.

Walter S. Lee, P.M. and honorary member, St. Andrew's, No. 16, Toronto, died January 4, 1902; M. F.

Thos. H. Phair, M.M., St. Andrew's, No. 16, Toronto, died February 4, 1902; M.F.

W. S. Hodgins, P.M., St. Andrew's, No. 16, Toronto, died February 28, 1902.

R. C. McHarrie, M.M., Ionic, No. 25, Toronto, died January 6, 1902; M.F.

R. W. Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M., Ionic, No. 25, Toronto, died January 26, 1902.

A. J. Boyd, M.M., Ionic, No. 25, Toronto, died April 18, 1902.

W. B. Scarth, F.C., Ionic, No. 25, Toronto, died May 15, 1902.

Wm. Foster, M.M., St. John's, No. 75, Toronto, died July 1, 1901.

Alex. Fiddes, M.M., St. John's, No. 75, Toronto, died November 1; M.F.

Chas. H. Lepard, M.M., Sharon, No. 97, Sharon, died October 2, 1901; M.F.

W. Bro. Wm. C. McCarty, P.M., Sharon, No. 97, Sharon, died May 16, 1902; M.F.

W. Bro. John Whiting Crossley, W.M., Rising Sun, No. 129, Aurora, died May 10, 1902; M.F.

W. A. Hutt, W.M., Rising Sun, No. 129, Aurora, died October 13, 1901; M.F.

A. C. Martin, M.M., Richardson, No. 136, Stouffville, died March 15, 1902; M.F.

John Morrison, M.M. Stevenson, No. 218, Toronto, died August 28, 1901; M.F.

John Aikinson, M.M., Stevenson, No. 218, Toronto, died December 3, 1901; M.F.

F.J. Allgeo, M.M., Stevenson, No. 218, Toronto, died December 31, 1901; M.F.

James Smith, M.M., Stevenson, No. 218, Toronto, 23 years Treasurer, died January 22, 1902; M.F.

F. Mann, M.M., Doric, No. 316, Toronto, died October 26, 1901; M.F.

F. Qua, M.M., Doric, No. 316, Toronto, died January, 1902; M.F.

Sims Richards, M.M., Doric, No. 316, Toronto, died April, 1902.

J. J. Blain, M.M., Doric, No. 316, Toronto, died June 3, 1902.

C. G. Collins, M.M., Orient, No. 339, Toronto, died September 23, 1901.

J. D. Simkin, M.M., Orient, No. 339, Toronto, died October 6, 1901; M.F.

Thos. Allen, M.M., Orient, No. 339, Toronto, died March 11, 1902; M.F.

W. Bro. John Sharp, P.M., Brock, No. 354, Cannington, died December 29, 1901; M.F.

Archibald Grant, M.M., St. George, No. 367, Toronto, died May 27, 1902; M.F.

Wm. McCausland, M.M., Doric, No. 424, Pickering, died May 28, 1902; M.F.

Fred. Deene, F.C., Acacia, No. 430, East Toronto, died September 10, 1901.

Fraternal Visits.—The year has been particularly notable for the number of reciprocal visitations among the city Lodges. I will not occupy space in this connection, but merely say that some of the Lodges have paid fraternal visits to all the other sister Lodges in the city.

Past Masters' Nights and At Homes.—In addition to my official visits I have been present at Past Masters' meetings in nearly all the city Lodges, and I found them largely attended in every case, very interesting and profitable, and a source of strength in continuing the P.M.'s in active work in their respective Lodges. I also attended At-Homes held by the following Lodges: St. George, No. 367; Zeta, No. 410; Georgina, 343; St. Andrew's, No. 16, and Stevenson, No. 218, all of which were very successful events. They in each case consisted of a first-class musical program, refreshments and dancing.

D.D.G.M. Expenses.—With the exception of four Lodges my expenses have been paid. No doubt these exceptions were oversights. I merely refer to this matter for the benefit of my successors and compliance of Section 178 B. of C.

Complaints.—On October 7th, 1901, I received a letter from the Secretary of Brock Lodge, Cannington, that candidates residing within their jurisdiction were initiated by Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield. I sent a copy of the complaint to R. W. Bro. Walkey, D.D.G.M. of Ontario District No. 12, and I understand there will be no further cause for complaint, and the complainants are satisfied.

The matter of complaint by Sharon Lodge, No. 97, against Richardson Lodge, No. 136, of Stouffville, of invasion of jurisdiction, and which had previously been acted upon by the late Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hungerford, has not yet been definitely concluded to the satisfaction of the brethren of Sharon, and as I could not reopen the question after what had been already done prior to my term of office, it is probable that Sharon Lodge may ask Grand Lodge for further action in their behalf that a better understanding may be obtained as regards the territory which they claim they have a sole right to.

St. George, No. 367, Toronto, vs. Grand Lodge of British Columbia. St. George Lodge having carried out the instructions given them by our Grand Lodge at its last communication, and such having been communicated direct to our Grand Secretary, it only remains for me to state that the matter is with our Grand Lodge for their consideration.

Acacia Lodge, No. 439, having requested my ruling as regards a candidate they accepted for initiation who had the misfortune to have an artificial leg, I was under the necessity of instructing the Lodge not to initiate the candidate. This, I may say, is quite in accord with the views of the Acting Grand Master, who was informed of the circumstances.

Official Visitations.—With but few exceptions I found the work impressively and correctly done throughout the whole District. The harmony that exists is most gratifying, and I am able to report, as it was my sincere

hope to do, and as referred to in the third paragraph of my official circular, no cloud is on the horizon, and in no previous period has there ever been greater enthusiasm displayed by the Masters, officers and members in our District. I have had difficulty in two or three instances in obtaining the statement of the work done, and this has delayed my report. I hope the Secretaries that have been dilatory this time will not be so with my successor. I am pleased to report a net increase of 66 members. Orient is ahead with a net increase of 17, St. Andrew's next with 13, Stevenson and Acacia 9 each, while Georgina's decrease last year is made up by an increase of 5 in this report. For numbers initiated Orient is first with 27, St. Andrew's second with 17, and Zeta third with 15, Stevenson 14 and St. George 13.

The following is a resume of my visitations and given in the order of the warrants :

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: This Lodge was visited officially by me on the 8th of April, and I was most cordially received by W. Bro. Chapman. The attendance was very large and the welcome most enthusiastic. The first degree was presented for my inspection, and I have no hesitation in saying that the work could not be excelled in any of its details. I would specially refer to the Worshipful Master and his Wardens. W. Bro. Chapman is a good ritualist, has an attractive address, is a pleasing speaker, and this was particularly demonstrated in his delivery of the final charge, which, for impressiveness, would be hard to excel. Bro. C. W. Woodland makes a good Senior Warden, and will no doubt receive further reward from his brethren. Bro. L. Herbert Luke, the Junior Warden, was congratulated by me for his eloquent and correct delivery of the lecture. I would also include in connection with this grand and ancient Lodge, names that have already appeared in the reports of my predecessors. I refer to W. Bro. J. T. Slater, who is a model Secretary. R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson is master of finance. At the previous meeting W. Bro. Slater was made the recipient of a beautiful cabinet of solid silver cutlery, suitably inscribed. Among the distinguished brethren present were: R. W. Bro. James Glanville, P.D.D.G.M.; W. Bros. S. T. Basredo, T. Barber, G. O. Merson, Masters of city Lodges;

Bros. Rev. W. H. Hawkin, of Murray Lodge, N.Y.; Kneeland Ball and Wm. J. Gunnell, of Ancient Landmarks, Buffalo. These latter two brethren were a deputation from their Lodge, and presented St. Andrew's Lodge with a beautifully engrossed set of resolutions thanking St. Andrew's for their hospitality on the 12th of March, when the brethren of their Lodge were entertained here, and also inviting St. Andrew's Lodge to visit them on the 23rd of May, which was accepted. On the 12th of March, I may mention that the visit of the Buffalo brethren to this city as the guests of No. 16 was a gala affair. The visitors numbered about sixty, and were welcomed in St. Andrew's Lodge by probably 350 of our brethren, after which W. Bro. Chapman and his officers, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait and W. Bro. T. Smith, exemplified the third degree with musical accompaniment, the choir being under the direction of Bro. J. D. Keachie, Bro. R. G. Stapples being the accompanist. Among the distinguished visitors were: Bro. Judge W. H. Hotchkiss, W. Bro. Erastus C. Knight, Mayor of Buffalo; W. Bro. Morris Benson, W. M. of Ancient Landmarks Lodge, Buffalo, and the following officers: Bros. C. L. Abel, S.W.; Louis F. Ing, Secretary; Louis W. Gay, S.D.; William J. Gunnell, J.D.; Henry C. Weiler, Senior Master of C.; Allen E. Day, Junior Master of C.; Charles S. Leavitt, S.S.; Kneeland Ball, J.S.; Charles W. Underwood, Marshal, and Past Masters W. Bros. E. C. Hall, Robt. F. Sherman, F. W. Lilley, Bros. Walter Sheppard, Horace Noble, W. Bro. Charles E. Butler, and many others. At the banquet which followed W. Bro. W. F. Chapman made an ideal chairman. There were fully 300 brethren who sat down to the tables, laid out in the banqueting hall of the Temple building, and all partook of an excellent menu. The toast of "The King and the Craft" was loyally received by both American and Canadian brethren singing "God Save the King." The second toast, that of the "President of the United States," was ably proposed by W. Bro. James L. Hughes, Inspector of Toronto Public Schools, and was eloquently responded to by Bro. Judge W. H. Hotchkiss. Both speakers referred to the good feeling existing between the two great English-speaking peoples of the world, and

expressed the wish that it would ever be so. The toast of the "Grand Lodge of Canada and the Acting Grand Master" was suitably proposed by W. Bro. Morris Benson, of Buffalo, and appropriately responded to by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone. The toast of the "Grand Master and Grand Lodge of New York," that of "Lodge of Ancient Landmarks" and "Visiting Brethren," brought forth able speeches from Rev. Bro. Reyner, W. Bro. Charles E. Butler, W. M. of Washington Lodge, Buffalo; W. Bros. E. C. Knight, F. W. Lilley, Bros. Horace Noble, Walter Sheppard and others of Ancient Landmarks Lodge; W. Bro. Hall, of Syracuse, and R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, D.D.G.M. of Toronto District, No. 11. The toast was supplemented by a first-class program of vocal and instrumental music. Those who contributed to the evening's entertainment were: Bros. J. B. Hutchinson, J. C. Aldridge, Adam Dockray, J. D. Keachie, Harry Simpson (ventriloquist), D. G. S. Comery (elocutionist), Harvey Lloyd (comic singer), R. Eckhardt, and Bro. R. G. Stapples acted as accompanist. The American brethren expressed great delight with their reception by the Toronto brethren. The friendly feeling expressed by the American speakers in their remarks towards Great Britain and the British empire was greatly appreciated by their Canadian brethren. I will refer to this Lodge again in this report as to the part they took in the Lodge of Instruction under the auspices of St. George Lodge. (See report on St. George Lodge, No. 367). Re the standing of St. Andrew's Lodge: Membership 255, showing a net increase of 13; relief, \$147.99. Prospects and standing first-class in every respect.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: Visited officially on March 17, 1902, accompanied by forty brethren from Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, by special car on the Metropolitan Electric Railway; also present were P.M's R. C. Thompson, J. E. Francis, Geo. Fisher and four brethren from Patterson Lodge, Thornhill; W. Bro. Slater, Secretary of St. Andrew's, Toronto, who was initiated in Richmond Lodge in 1869, and other visitors. On entering the Lodge I was enthusiastically received with the proper honors. Having visited here on several previous occasions, I was no stranger among them, and

the visit was very pleasant. W. Bro. G. B. Newbery, W.M., occupied the chair, and is one of the youngest and brightest Masters in the District. The second degree was worked well, as also the opening and closing in the three degrees. Special mention I may properly make of W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, a very efficient Secretary, whose books are kept in an excellent manner. W. Brs. Thos. Newton, T. H. Trench, T. F. McMahon, Geo. Leek and R. G. Savage, reeve of the town, are all prominent workers in this old and historic Lodge. The Lodge is in good financial circumstances. Insurance, \$2,500. Prospects good.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: Official visit March 4, 1902. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. E. B. Brown, and received a hearty welcome, with the usual honors. Among those present I noticed R. W. Bros. Wm. Roaf, A. W. Porter and Aemilius Irving, W. Bros. Sankey, Eakins, Harcourt, Sykes, Merson, Cordingly, Chapman and F. M. Bond, of Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover. There were forty-five members and twenty-three visitors present on the occasion. W. Bro. S. T. Bastedo is an ideal Master, and shows great care and exactness in the rendering of the work. He is ably assisted by an efficient staff of officers and several Past Masters. The first degree was exemplified for my inspection, and is worthy of honorable mention. The Senior Warden, Bro. C. R. D. Postlethwaite, is following in the footsteps of his worthy sire, R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite, Past Grand Senior Warden, and the very efficient Treasurer of this Lodge. The Junior Warden, Bro. R. R. Lockhart, delivered the J.W.'s lecture with accuracy, but I must say he occupied too little time in its rendering, which marred somewhat its impressiveness. This is a fault common to the work of several in that position. I must refer to the excellent work of Secretary Bro. K. J. Dunstan. He cannot but be most satisfactory to his Lodge, and I congratulated him. No doubt he will prove a valuable officer when promoted by his brethren to higher positions. This is a large Lodge numerically and financially. They show, however, a slight decrease in membership, which is now 234. I think it can be said that if they do not show advancement in quantity they practice in a large measure

the most important factor in Masonry, that of quality of its material. In benevolence this year they exceed the other Lodges of this District, having expended \$267.33, and their arrearage of dues is small, being only \$39.00. Ionic Lodge took part in the Lodge of Instruction held on the 28th of March, at Georgina Lodge, and I had great pleasure in witnessing W. Bro. Bastedo and his officers exemplify the second degree. It was done in a manner which showed careful preparation in every detail, and much credit is due them for the excellency of their work on this occasion. I must not omit mentioning in this report of Ionic Lodge the pleasing incident which took place at the meeting of the 4th March in the passing of a resolution in the direction of purchasing the large oil painting of M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, Past Grand Master, and which now graces the Lodge room. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, in introducing the motion, referred to the fact that M. W. Bro. Tully was now 82 years of age, having been a Mason for 58 years, was the second W.M. of this Lodge in the year 1848, D.D.G.M. in 1857, and in 1897 the Grand Lodge of Canada recognized his long and valuable services by bestowing upon him the rank of Past Grand Master. The refreshment board in connection with this Lodge is always of a very pleasing nature.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: This Lodge was visited by me on the 3rd of February, 1902. On referring to the previous reports of this Lodge I find it was recorded that it was strong financially, having several thousands of dollars in invested funds, and had had steady prosperity, which state still prevailing I need not go into details in this connection, and my report now will confine itself to the work presented for my inspection, and an account generally of this meeting. The W.M., W. Bro. H. S. King, and his officers initiated a candidate in a very creditable, and I may say, almost perfect manner. The Lodge is well officered throughout, the Senior Warden being Bro. J. H. McKinnon, the Junior Warden, Bro. D. Chisholm; the Secretary, Bro. V. E. Hart, and the Treasurer, Bro. W. N. Eastwood, all capable and efficient, as also are the minor officers. The choir service is especially to be commended as one of the best in the city. The I.P.M., W. Bro. Cashmore, continues his

active interest in the welfare of his Lodge, and in this connection I may also include R. W. Bros. Simpson and N. L. Steiner, the latter being recently honored with the rank of Past Grand Registrar for his lengthened services to the Craft, also R. W. Bro. B. Saunders, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bros. M. Levery, M. Stewart, J. C. Boyce, C. A. Matthews, Spencer Love and V. W. Bro. Tomlinson. During the present term they have made no increase numerically, the twelve initiations being offset by as many withdrawals, which include two deaths. There were present at this meeting 60 members and 50 visitors, among the latter being W. Bro. Stephens, W.M., and officers of Stevenson Lodge; R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, P.G.R.; W. Bro. McMullen, P.M. of Star Lodge, Belfast, Ireland, and W. Bro. Wm. Bowden, P.M. of Prince Consort Lodge, No. 52, Montreal. The exemplification of the fourth degree closed a very interesting evening. A Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of St. John's Lodge on their regular meeting, 7th of April last. The attendance was large. The third was well presented by W. Bro. King and his officers, and could hardly be improved upon. A Board of Trial was also given by W. Bros. Stephens, of Stevenson Lodge; W. Bros. Boyce and Levery, of St. John's, which proved instructive.

Markham Union, No. 87, Markham: Visited April 18, 1902, and I was accompanied from Toronto by R. W. Bro. VanZant, now a resident of the city. Bro. VanZant has been a most active supporter of this Lodge and a regular attendant at Grand Lodge for many years, and I was pleased to have him with me, as also the District Secretary, W. Bro. J. J. Thompson. The W.M., W. Bro. A. C. Reesor, had for the first time this year a candidate, in the person of a son of one of the P.M's, W. Bro. Lattimer, and the work was fairly well done. I was sorry so many officers were absent. The Senior Warden's chair was occupied by W. Bro. Sanderson, the Junior Warden's by W. Bro. Green, while W. Bro. Jonathan B. Gould, acted as Junior Deacon. The I.P.M., W. Bro. F. A. Reesor, is a faithful worker, as also the Secretary, W. Bro. R. A. Mason, who was Secretary, then Master for three years, and now has been Secretary six years more. The Lodge was opened and closed in

the three degrees. They showed progress as against previous year, there being one initiation and three affiliations, making the membership 37. Among those present were W. Bro. Jesse Noble, the only charter member now living. He was made in King Lodge, No. 70, in 1856, and is still hale and hearty. There were eight visitors, W. Bros. Major, Ferrier and Beaton, and Bro. Malcolm, of Brougham Union, No. 269; Bros. Trick, Colborne, No. 91; Mullen, Grand River, No. 151; Findlay, Doric, No. 424; Doyle, St. John's, No. 17. With the exception of \$150 the building is owned by the Lodges. The prospects look encouraging. W. Bro. J. B. Gould, one of the most active supporters, has again been installed in the Master's chair, and I can only conclude by predicting a more prosperous future for the Lodge.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon: Visited officially on the 27th of December, 1901, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. I was met at Newmarket by R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P.D.D.G.M., and driven to Sharon. The Lodge was opened at high twelve, and it being the custom of this good old Lodge to instal its officers on this day and hour, I had the honor to perform the ceremony, and was assisted by R. W. Bro. Brunton and Past Masters of the Lodge. The retiring W.M., W. Bro. Tinsdale in the chair, initiated a candidate. The prospects of the Lodge are fairly good. W. Bro. Wallis, W.M., and his officers will no doubt perform their duties ably. The Lodge has some very able P.M's, who take an active part in the work, and I may mention the names of W. Bros. C. E. Lundy, Abb. Willson and J. T. Power in this connection. The able and efficient Secretary, Dr. B. F. Pearson, is one of the most energetic and painstaking Secretaries in the District. The books are extra well kept and a credit to any Lodge. On June 24th, 1902, membership is 59, with four initiations, and \$15 paid in benevolence. I have to thank R. W. Bro. Brunton, of Tuscan Lodge, for his assistance and kindness on the occasion of my visit.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: Officially visited March 12th, 1902, accompanied by the District Secretary. I was received with the usual Grand Honors and accorded a most hearty welcome. The W.M., W. Bro.

P. J. Anderson, owing to the Master elected in December resigning his office, had only been installed at the previous meeting, and was quite new in his chair, but notwithstanding this circumstance he exemplified the first degree in an efficient manner, and can work all degrees. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W.M. for my inspection, and I can report favorably in this connection. The lecture in the first degree by the Junior Warden, Bro. N. W. McDougall, was exceptionally good. The Secretary, Bro. H. E. Choppin, has his books in good order, and from what I have seen of his work to the present time I am satisfied he is giving every satisfaction to his Lodge. The finances of this Lodge are still well looked after by R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P.D.D.G.M., who continues his fatherly interest in its welfare, and renders valuable assistance to its officers. On this occasion I met the following brethren: W. Bro. P. T. Lee, Toronto, a Past Master of Tuscan, and one who has rendered it signal service; W. Bros. D. A. Radcliffe, J. McCloskey, E. Braund and Dr. R. M. Hillary, Past Master, and Bro. Fred. Baldwin, S.W. and now W.M. of Rising Sun Lodge, of Aurora. The prospects of the Tuscan Lodge are considered fair. The membership shows no increase during the past year, as you will see by the appended statement.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: I paid an official visit to this Lodge on June 7th, being an emergent meeting arranged for the purpose. Arrangements were all made for the Lodge of Instruction to be held here on the 16th of May, the regular meeting night of the Rising Sun, at which Richmond Lodge, No. 23, was to exemplify the first degree; Tuscan, No. 99, Newmarket, the second degree, and Rising Sun Lodge the third degree, but owing to the sad death of W. Bro. J. W. Crossley, the W.M. of Rising Sun Lodge, which occurred on May 10th, the Lodge of Instruction was cancelled and the brethren of the three Lodges were specially notified. The sad occurrence cast a gloom over the community, and his Lodge in particular. W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe, the Secretary, wrote to the District Secretary, as follows: "Many thanks for your kind letter of sympathy with the brethren of this Lodge on the occasion of the death of

our W.M., Bro. J. W. Crossley. We all feel, by his death, the Lodge has lost a clever and good man, and that it will be many years before his equal as a ritualist and a Master will sit in the East in our Lodge again. Kindly convey the thanks of the brethren to our D.D.G. M., R. W. Bro. John Watson, who was so good as to remember us all on this sad occasion. John Whiting Crossley was initiated November 4th, 1887, passed December 2nd, 1887, and raised November 2nd, 1888, and died May 10th, 1902, aged 61; W.M. of Rising Sun Lodge and Past Master of Robertson Lodge, No. 292, of King. He was reeve of Township of King." The election of officers of this Lodge was held on the 16th of May, and at an emergency of 7th June W. Bro. R. M. Hillary, M.D., the I.P.M., occupied the chair and conferred the first degree on a candidate. The work was exceedingly well done, ably assisted by W. Bros. J. McCloskey and R. A. Radcliffe, P.M's. Bro. Fred Baldwin, S.W. and Master-elect, and the J.M., Bro. Braund, were good officers, and the same may be said of the junior officers. Of the Secretary, W. Bro. Radcliffe, too much cannot be said. His books were complete and in splendid order, and in the matter of dues at the present time, owing to his exertions, no member is twelve months in arrears. The financial standing of this Lodge is good. The building, which cost \$2,000, is now nearly free of debt. Being an emergent meeting, the attendance was only 26. W. Bro. Thompson, District Secretary, accompanied me, as usual, on this visit. The following P.M's were also present: W. Bros. A. G. Nichol, E. T. Deville (Mayor of Aurora), J. C. Leadbetter and A. E. Taylor. A banquet, which was very pleasant, terminated the work of the evening.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: Visited officially March 20th, 1902, accompanied by W. Bro. James Cherry, P.M. of Patterson Lodge, Thornhill, and W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, District Secretary. W. Bro. John McGrath, W.M., and officers exemplified the second degree and opened and closed in the three degrees and displayed knowledge of their work. Bro. Forsyth, S.W., delivered the lecture in the second degree in a perfect and eloquent manner. This Lodge has not increased in membership during the past year, but maintains its

record and has good prospects for the future. I had the honor of making a presentation to W. Bro. J. W. Shankel, of a P.M. jewel, and this brother is now Secretary, and makes a very efficient officer. The Treasurer, Bro. Reynolds, has held office for over twenty years, which speaks for his integrity. The Lodge is free of debt, and expended \$78 in benevolence during the year. After the Lodge was closed adjournment was made to the Mansion House, where Bro. Frank Miller, the proprietor, had provided a banquet, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Speeches were made by W. Bros. Dr. Smith, Todd, Collard, officers of the Lodge, and visiting brethren.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: I visited this Lodge officially on October 14th, 1901, and this was my first official visit as D.D.G.M., and to the Lodge where I have received so many kindnesses and my rank as a Past Master. It was a grand meeting. I have already referred to the presentations made thereat. There were upwards of 350 present, among whom were some of the most influential men of the Craft in Canada. W. Bro. Jackson L. Little, W.M., received the various dignitaries in his habitually courteous manner. Space will not permit, much as I would like to, the mention of names of those present, but will include R. W. Bro. Judge Harding, Acting Grand Master; Colonel A. A. Stevenson, M. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, E. T. Malone, Past Grand Masters; R. W. Bros. J. W. St. John, D.D.G.M. District No. 11; W. C. Wilkinson, Wm. Roaf, Ben. Allen, H. J. Gould, F. G. Inwood, James O'Hara, and Masters, Wardens and members of nearly all city Lodges. It being also Past Master's night, the following brethren exemplified the first degree: M. W. Bro. Col. A. A. Stevenson, W. M.; W. Bros. John Nicholson, J.W.; John Patton, S.W.; G. H. Lander, Treasurer; W. H. Woodstock, Secretary; G. H. Carton, Assistant Secretary; James Baird, S.D.; J. H. Horswell, J.D.; V. W. Bro. J. Wesley Jones, D. of C.; W. Bros. George Wilson, I.G.; Ed. Egan, S.S.; William J. Wilson, J.S. The ritualistic work of the degree was exceedingly well rendered, and the Master's work, performed by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, was one of the chief features of the evening. Bro. Stevenson, who is over seventy-two years of age, did his work

remarkably well, and many of the Masters who were present expressed their great delight at being present to witness such a fine exemplification of the Masters work by the M.W. brother. At the conclusion of the initiatory ceremony W. Bro. Jackson L. Little presented M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson with a beautiful illuminated address, framed in oak, engrossed by R. Williams, and which read as follows: "To W.M. Bro. Colonel A. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. and A.M.: On the occasion of the thirty-second anniversary of the inception of this Lodge, the members have taken advantage of your presence this evening to present their respects to our honored foster father. It is now past three decades since the founders of this Lodge determined to honor you by giving to it your illustrious name. Through all these years your name has been a household word among us and the craft in general, and your visit this evening will ever remain a green spot in the memories of those who, during many vicissitudes, have been under your fatherly care and protection. We are proud to own as a member of our Lodge a distinguished brother, who has filled with conspicuous ability and eminent success the chair of the Grand East. Your unflagging zeal for the interests of Masonry, your uniform courtesy, impeachable integrity, your many rare gifts of mind and graces of manner and person have long endeared you to the members of Stevenson Lodge, and have formed a friendship time cannot efface. Too often such expressions are left until the moment of separation is at hand, but we desire to crown a living brow, and we now acquaint you of the place you occupy in our hearts and affections. We trust Father Time may deal bountifully with you, and that you may long live to be to Stevenson a distinguished patron, member, and revered godfather." M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, in responding to the terms of the address, stated that he would cherish it as a memento of their kindness towards him. At the conclusion of the ceremony in the Blue Room an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where speeches and songs entertained a large concourse of brethren until long past midnight. On December 9th I had the honor of installing

the officers of this, my own Lodge, and on February 10th, 1902, I paid my official visit to inspect the work in detail. The W.M., officers and members of Occident, St. George and Acacia Lodges were visitors, and the attendance was very large. W. Bro. Stephens, W.M., performed his duties in a most capable manner, and this can be said also of Bros. Jos. Leake, S.W.; W. H. Hutchinson, J.W., and the other officers. This Lodge, like most others, have elected a P.M. as Secretary, and W. Bro. George Wilson now fills that position very efficiently. The W.M. is one of the oldest of its members and a tried and valuable officer. On May 12th, at Stevenson Lodge, a Lodge of Instruction, as before referred to, was held. W. Bro. Dr. Griffith, W.M. of Zeta Lodge, No. 410, and his officers exemplified the first degree, W. Bro. John Stephens and officers, the third degree, and I can truthfully say the work in both degrees was of great credit to both Lodges. Forty-five visitors attended. At this meeting a Board of Trial was ably exhibited by W. Bros. Wm. McCartney, of Doric Lodge; Geo. Wilson and W. J. Wilson, of Stevenson Lodge. I have much pleasure in reporting the work and standing of this Lodge as excellent, and harmony reigns.

Zeradatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: I visited this Lodge officially on April 21st, 1902, and was accompanied by the District Secretary, W. Bro. John J. Thompson. This is the Masonic home of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, P.D.D.G.M., and the meeting will live in my memory for many years to come. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Gould and accorded a royal welcome at the hands of the W.M. and the Lodge. The Lodge room is beautifully furnished and handsomely decorated, and the best appointed outside the city: I found the brethren to be most enthusiastic and hospitable, and the Lodge a model one in every respect. W. Bro. S. S. Sharpe, the W.M., and his officers presented for my inspection the second degree, as also the opening and closing in the three degrees, which was remarkably well done, and particular mention should be made of the work of the Deacons, Stewards and Inner Guard. The movements on the floor were most precise, and indicated careful training and application, much being due to R. W. Bro. Gould.

V. W. Bros. Nutting and Todd. The W.M. did his work well, and this may also be said of the Wardens, Bros. J. W. Barker and Dr. D. A. Clark, who each delivered their respective lectures with expressiveness. V. W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, Chaplain, delivered the charge in the second degree in his masterly style. The candidate, Bro. J. A. Kerr, was an apt brother, and I was much pleased with his perfect repetition of the obligation of the first degree. The Secretary, Bro. John G. Vicars, is an old tried officer of twelve consecutive years, and is much esteemed by his brethren for his attention to the work of his office, and the Treasurer, Bro. T. Boyd, who has held that office since 1884, is also a very valued official. The Past Masters evince continued interest in the Lodge, among whom I would mention in addition, W. Bros. John Purdy, I.P.M., D. Campbell, T. Hardy, R. Hollinger. Among the visitors present were W. Gros. J. B. Gould and E. Sanderson, of Markham Union; Bros. John Tummins and L. Scott, of Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry. A very pleasant incident of the evening was the presentation to the Lodge of the group picture of R. W. Bro. Gould and the city Masters of his year, which picture has just been referred to as having been presented to Bro. Gould. I had the honor of making the presentation to his Lodge on this occasion, and W. Bro. Sharpe, on behalf of the Lodge, made a very appropriate reply. This Lodge shows eight initiations and one affiliation, a decrease of three, making the membership now 81, an increase of six during the year. In financial standing it is good, as also its prospects are bright. After the Lodge closed the brethren assembled at the Plank House, Bro. Plank, proprietor, where a banquet was served in his first-class style, and a couple of hours or more were spent most profitably and enjoyably.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: Visited officially May 28th, 1902. This Lodge has improved materially during the past year, and is in a fairly good condition. Its membership has increased, and is now 42, with three initiations and one affiliation during the present term. Its officers have been regular attendants at the eleven meetings held. On December 27th the District Secretary, W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, while I in-

stalled at Sharon, installed the present officers of this Lodge, and reported a good meeting and well attended, at which the retiring W.M., W. Bro. Dr. Bateson, who drove 26 miles from Sunderland, having removed from Brougham, worked the three degrees on candidates in a creditable manner. An oyster supper followed the proceedings. On May 28th I was accompanied by the District Secretary, and the second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. W. J. Gregg and his officers. The W. M. acquitted himself well and opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees. Owing to it being the eve of the Provincial elections there were very few present. Bro. R. E. Forsyth, the Junior Warden, acted as Senior Deacon in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Thos. Gregg. Bro. Forsythe is a very young and enthusiastic Mason, and attends to his duties well. The old warhorse, Bro. James Douglas, of Toronto, Senior Warden, is generally on hand, and does his share of the work. Bro. A. T. Lehmann is a good Secretary, and his books show careful attention. W. Bro. A. E. Major, Treasurer, is the proper brother for the office, and takes quite an interest in the Lodge. They have a surplus of \$60 over all liabilities, expended \$10 in charity, insurance \$300.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: Visited officially February 20th, 1902, and found them in good working order. W. Bro. Tasker, W.M., and his officers exemplified the first degree in a creditable manner, with a few trifling errors, which I pointed out to them, and nicely received. The Wardens, Bro. Burgess, S.W., and Bro. A. Pearson, J.W., were very good in their work, and especially Bro. Pearson in his lecture, which was remarkably well done, for which I gave him credit. This Lodge has had more or less trouble in the past, but I think at the present time prospects look brighter. Regret the decrease in membership of two, although they have had eight initiations, one affiliation and three restorations, offset by eight resignations, two suspensions and four deaths. I called their attention to the out standing dues amounting to quite a sum. This has since been considerably lessened. Their Secretary, Bro. H. E. Griffith, is a capable officer, and gives good attention to his duties. R. W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh has been Treasurer for some years, and this speaks to his

credit. Among the very active P.M.'s are W. Bros. Wm. McCartney, Harry Leason, B. N. Davies, Alex. Anderson, A. M. Brown, and V. W. Bro. J. A. Cowan. A most pleasant time was spent at the refreshment board. At the meeting of Orient Lodge on April 1st, at which a Lodge of Instruction was held, W. Bro Tasker, W.M., and the officers of Doric Lodge exemplified the first degree and did at this time excellent work, and I complimented them. W. Bro. McCartney acted as applicant on the illustration of a Board of Trial, and showed ability and knowledge in the matter required in a position of this kind, which was very instructive and edifying to all present.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: I paid this Lodge my first official visit on February 4th, 1902, and was received with Grand Honors and accorded a right royal welcome. The veteran, V. W. Bro. John Jones, introduced me in his inimitable style, using most kindly terms, which were further emphasized by the courteous and cordial manner of W. Bro. D. J. Kelly, the W.M. I was far from being a stranger here, having attended quite often when District Secretary for R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, P.D.D.G.M, a member of this Lodge, and at other times during the past several years. I feel indebted to R. W. Bro. Inwood for the many kindnesses he has shown to me, and to the Lodge for many favors. This Lodge is noted far and wide for its hospitality and sociability, and this was greatly evidenced at all my visits. In the matter of degree work they are entitled to great credit, for the work shown on this occasion by W. Bro. Kelly and his officers was excellent in every particular. W. Bro. Kelly makes an ideal Master, both in the conferring of degrees and conducting the business of the Lodge. I consider him one of the brightest of the young Masters in the District. Bro. Sol. Cassidy, S.W., and Bro. J. B. Reeves, J.W., as also Bro. G. N. Ferrier, S.D.; J. C. Pearson, J.D., and Geo. J. Mason, I.G. These officers did their respective work well, and I desire to make special mention of the floor work as done by the Deacons, which could not be very well improved upon. The very capable and efficient Secretary, W. Bro. Frank Anderson, continues his good record, and takes great pride in his books and the duties of his office, and has a

good working companion in V. W. Bro. James MacFarlane, the genial Treasurer. A feature of note in connection with this progressive Lodge is the continued interest of several of its Past Masters, including R. W. Bro. Inwood, V. W. Bro. John Jones, W. Bros. George Moore (I.P.M.), A. Gillies, W. J. Chick, J. McP. Ross, J. W. Thompson, and our esteemed and venerable brother, W. Bro. Ira Bates. This Lodge held a very successful Past Masters' meeting on October 1st, which was largely attended. At their installation by R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, P.D.D.G.M., on December 3rd, there were 21 Masters and P.M's, and 150 present. A Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of Orient Lodge on April 1st, 1902, at which I was present, and Doric Lodge exemplified the first degree, as previously mentioned, and Orient Lodge exemplified the third degree in a manner quite satisfactory. This meeting was also very largely attended. The Board of Trial was ably presented by V. W. Bro. John Jones, W. Bro. Frank Anderson and W. Bro. McCartney, and was entertaining and instructive. Among the visitors from outside the city were: V. W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, of Uxbridge, and W. Bro. Power, of Sharon. This Lodge is noted for the hospitality and entertainment of its members and visitors at the refreshment board. The choir deserves special mention for its excellence, and is a valuable adjunct to the Lodge. Orient shows an increase during the year of 17. There were 27 initiations. Relief paid, \$101.50. Financial standing very good and prospects excellent.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: This Lodge was visited by me in my official capacity on Saturday evening, the 1st of March, 1902, their regular meeting night, and it was a large and very interesting gathering. Among the number of visitors were the following: W. Bro. Malcolm J. Cockburn, officers and members of Zetland Lodge; W. Bro. W. F. Chapman, officers and members of St. Andrew's Lodge. W. Bro. Merson and his officers exemplified the first degree, and showed good work for the first opportunity they have had since installation in June last. This Lodge has not been working harmoniously for some months, but now it has taken a turn, and I trust the present good feeling will continue.

Their statement of work shows a decided improvement over last year, inasmuch as they have had 8 initiations, 4 affiliations, 1 restoration, and a net increase of five, making a total of all members 209. Their arrearage of dues has been considerably lessened, being now only about \$250, with 23 in arrears. I can, I think, properly state that their prospects are fairly good, and I hope this will be verified. The officers are composed of young and active brethren. Bros. Levey and Martin, the Senior and Junior Wardens, showed good work, whilst the Secretary, Bro. J. M. Sumner, is a capable officer. The floor work gave evidence of careful training. The charge by W. Bro. A. B. Cordingly, was well delivered. It being Saturday evening the time at the refreshment board was limited, but a pleasant hour was spent. The musical talent, which included Bros. Shaver, Bates, Rich. Gorrie and others, was of a high order, while the brief addresses by prominent visitors were attractive and interesting. On March 28th, at an emergent meeting of Georgina Lodge, No. 343, the first of the series of Lodges of Instruction was held, and I have already referred to the part taken by W. Bro. Bastedo and officers of Ionic Lodge in their exemplification of the second degree. I now report on the working of the third degree by the officers of Georgina Lodge. V. W. Bro. C. Donovan, P.M. of Georgina Lodge, occupied the chair. The officers of the Lodge did their part, as in the first degree, in a manner quite satisfactory, and with the exception of certain portions of the work, to which attention was called and corrections made and taken in a brotherly spirit. A Board of Trial was shown in connection with each degree and taken part in by W. Bros. Grant, White and Cordingly. The Lodge room, though small, is handsomely furnished, and on this evening was well filled. At the festive board a most enjoyable time was spent, and a most interesting evening was brought to a close.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: Officially visited January 22nd, 1902. On account of a heavy snow storm prevailing for two days, the meeting was not well attended, as some of the officers and brethren were prevented by the impassable roads. However, a pleasant meeting was held, but no degree work was presented.

The W.M., W. Bro. W. A. McLachlan, a young and enthusiastic Mason, opened and closed the Lodge in all degrees, and is quite able to work the degrees in a satisfactory manner. I instructed the brethren in portions of the floor work, which was taken in a kindly spirit, and they stated it would prove beneficial. This being my first visit among them, and a perfect stranger, the welcome I received quickly removed all strangeness and soon made me feel as one of themselves, and quite at home. Among the prominent Past Masters I met W. Bros. Hugh Wilson, a charter member; Dr. H. S. Bingham, N. McLeod, Jos. Kift (Secretary) and H. Talbot. I cannot speak too highly of the Secretary, W. Bro. Kift. He is very attentive to his duties and a valuable officer. I also met Bros. J. Barker, S.W., and R. Noble, J.D., of Zeradatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge, and Bro. Dr. Perry, of Kirkfield. The Lodge closed, and then at the Queen's hotel a banquet was provided and a most happy evening was spent with speech and song. The Cannington orchestra furnished sweet music.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: Officially visited March 7th, 1902. This is one of the most progressive of the city Lodges, and a hale and hearty one, most enthusiastic in its welcome to visitors and strong in the direction of visiting sister Lodges in large numbers. On the occasion of my official visit I was accorded a most hearty welcome by W. Bro. Frank Saunders, the W.M., in well chosen words, and the large attendance marked also its approval. This Lodge is the Masonic home of the District Secretary, W. Bro. John J. Thompson, in which he received his rank as W.M., and in which he has always taken a most active interest. I may mention that when I was the W.M. of Stevenson Lodge W. Bro. Thompson was W.M. of this Lodge, and then we worked together in complete harmony as we have since done. The work presented for my inspection on this occasion was the third degree, and the candidate was the son of the W.M. It is rather unique that the candidate is the third son who has been made a member of this Lodge. The work was exceedingly well done by all its officers, and it may be noted that the candidate was especially bright in the examination and the repeating of the second degree obligation. This Lodge is ably assisted by

its Past Masters, W. Bros. Clemens, Drew, Hickson, Main, Thompson, Stoneham, Nelson and A. E. Gautt. Its prospects are good, its attendance above the average, its finances good, benevolence \$80, initiations 13, membership 171. The Secretary, Bro. R. Gallaher, is very efficient, and I desire to compliment him on his neat and careful work. The visitors present numbered over 50, and included W. Bro. Stephens, W.M. of Stevenson Lodge; W. Bro. Siddall, W.M. of Wilson Lodge; W. Bro. Bastedo, W.M. of Ionic Lodge; W. Bro. King, W. M. of St. John's Lodge; W. Bro. Aylesworth, W.M. of Ashlar Lodge, with their officers and members. On May 2nd, as previously mentioned, a Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of St. George's Lodge, at which R. W. Bro. Harding, Acting Grand Master, was present, and jointly with St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, the first and second degrees were respectively exemplified. The work, as in the other Lodges of Instruction, showed careful preparation and perfect rendering. I was particularly pleased with the lecture by Bro. H. Meadows, J.W. of St. George's Lodge, also the work by Bro. A. Saunders, J.D., and Bro. R. Brennan, I.G. of the same Lodge, and W. Bro. Pearson, the acting S.W. of St. Andrew's Lodge, in his rendition of the lecture in the second degree. W. Bros. Saunders and Chapman deserve great praise for the excellent manner in which they performed the duties of the evening, and the two Lodges were highly complimented by the Acting Grand Master. Among those present, in addition to the above were: R. W. Bros. Tait and Roaf, V. W. Bro. Carleton, W. Bros. Merson, Howe, Dane, H. T. Smith and several P.M's. An exemplification of a Board of Trial in the first degree was ably conducted by W. Bros. J. J. Thompson, John Drew and Bro. Hodgson as applicant, and in the second degree by R. W. Bro. Tait. I must not fail to mention the excellent music furnished by the choir of St. George Lodge, under the leadership of Bro. Melville and Bro. Chas. Musgrave, organist. An enjoyable banquet followed the proceedings.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: Visited officially February 28th 1902: I was received with the usual honors and quite heartily. This is another very pro-

gressive Lodge, and composed of mostly young Masons, who are very active and take a great interest in their Lodge. I had the honor of installing the officers on the 26th of December, and prophesied for this Lodge a very successful year, which has thus far been realized. You will notice by this report that there have been seventeen additions to its members during the Masonic year, and much credit is due W. Bro. Dr. Griffith, the W.M., also W. Bro. R. H. Christie, I.P.M., and W. Bro. T. Malcolm, P.M. After the installation the W.M. presented W. Bro. Christie with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, also a similar presentation was made to W. Bro. J. J. Hoidge, who retired a few years from the chair, and has been residing since in Buffalo. These brethren made suitable replies, thanking the brethren for their kindness and remembrance. On the occasion of my visit on the 28th of February I had the pleasure of witnessing the first degree, in fact two first degrees, presented in a most creditable manner, and brought forth many compliments from those present. I congratulated the W.M. and his officers on the careful and very impressive manner in which they conducted the ceremony, and I bespeak for this Lodge a prosperous career on account of the material of which its officers are composed. The Senior Warden, Bro. A. B. Mitchell, makes an excellent officer, and the Junior Warden, Bro. George McQuillan, rendered the lecture as perfect as one would want to hear it, while the Inner Guard, Bro. M. R. Wynn, was one of the best I have ever seen. All the junior officers did their respective duties well. The books of the Secretary, Bro. E. A. Faulds, are well kept, neat and legible, and a credit to himself and his Lodge. The financial standing is good. Effects are issued for \$1,500. Arrearages of dues quite small, and everything betokens prosperity, which I trust will long prevail. I should include that at this meeting about 50 visitors were present, among whom were: W. Bro. John Stephens, W.M. of Stevenson Lodge, and his officers; W. Bro. F. Saunders, W.M. of St. George Lodge, No. 367, and his officers; W. Bros. J. J. Thompson, District Secretary; W. B. Stoneham, S. Nelson, John Drew, George J. Clemens, P.M.'s of St. George, No. 367; D. W. Rowland, P.M. Vaughan Lodge; J. W. Isaacs, P.M. Alpha Lodge. A

very social time was spent at the refreshment table. I have already referred to the part that Zeta Lodge took in the Lodge of Instruction on the 12th of May at Stevenson Lodge, Temple building.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: Official visit April 17th, 1902. I was accompanied on this visit by the District Secretary, W. Bro. J. J. Thompson. The meeting was not very largely attended on account of brethren residing in the country being busy on their farms. The W.M., W. Bro. R. S. Dillingham, on behalf of the Lodge, tendered us a hearty welcome in suitable terms, and at my request the first degree was exemplified, W. Bro. Falconer acting as a substitute candidate. The W. Master and his principal officers performed their work in quite a satisfactory manner and opened and closed in the three degrees. The Junior Warden, Bro. A. Findlay, gave the lecture in excellent style. The work of the minor officers was not quite up to the standard, but instruction was given them which no doubt will be profitable to them. W. Bro. Bunting makes an excellent Secretary, and his books are nicely kept. While this Lodge does not show an increase in numbers, yet they expect to do better in the near future. They have no members in arrears for dues and no liabilities, and small assets. The esteemed chaplain, W. Bro. George Kerr, is a veteran in the craft, and first saw light in Prescott Lodge in 1863, is a charter member, and was Secretary for two terms and Master one term in Doric Lodge, and takes a very active part in its welfare. The present officers of this Lodge were installed on December 26th, 1901, by the District Secretary, W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, who reported a pleasant and profitable time and an harmonious meeting. This Lodge has pleasant quarters, very nicely furnished, and which they take great pride in, being a great improvement to the old room which they occupied when I visited them with R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood in December, 1899.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: I paid this Lodge two visits, the first on the 17th of February, when I was introduced by V. W. Bro. John Parsell, D. of C., who takes a most prominent part in the welfare of this Lodge, and was received with honors befitting the office. The bright, but not spacious Lodge room, was well

filled with members and visitors, among the latter being W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, District Secretary; W. Bro. W. E. Smith, P.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 75; Bro. McKinnon, S.W., and Bro. V. E. Hart, Secretary of the latter Lodge. W. Bro. Taylor, W.M. of Acacia Lodge, presented for my inspection the first degree, his first effort, and while the work was not as accurate as I expected to find it, yet I felt satisfied that if the D.D.G.M. was not present it would have been done better. The Junior Warden and the Inner Guard were exceptionally good in their parts. The Secretary, Bro. Brownlee, gives close attention to his duties, and the Treasurer, W. Bro. John Richardson, is the right brother for the position. The Lodge on this evening marked its approval of his services by presenting him with a Past Master's apron. The Past Masters take an active interest in the work, and give encouragement to the officers. It is worthy of mention that at this meeting a grant of \$50 was made by the Lodge to a brother who had been severely injured in his employment as engineer on the G.T.R., and this nice donation was supplemented by an equal amount subscribed the same evening by the members. It is said that "when charity prevails the Lodge will prove a vehicle of virtue, truth and love." My second visit to Acacia Lodge was on the 19th of May, when I received another hearty welcome. I was again accompanied by the District Secretary, also W. Bro. Chapman, W.M., and W. Bro. Slater, Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16; W. Bros. John Nicholson and Egan, of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218. There were 38 members and 12 visitors present. Four candidates were balloted for and accepted, and one initiated. This shows prosperity for the youngest Lodge in the District. The membership at present is 93, an increase of 9 during the year. Average attendance, 31. The Lodge is somewhat peculiarly situated, and is at a disadvantage as regards its officers, some of whom reside in the city and some at a distance in the county, thus making it difficult to meet for rehearsals. The work on this occasion showed a marked improvement, and I complimented W. Bro. Taylor and his officers. The opening and closing in the three degrees was also shown. This is the Lodge that the District Chaplain.

W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Baynes-Reed makes his Masonic home, and he was present at this last visit. This Lodge is not behind in the matter of musical talent, which increased the interest in the fourth degree on both occasions. A very pleasant evening was spent at the refreshment board. V. W. Bro. Parsell, who is always at hand and ready for any duty, aptly replied to the toast of "Grand Lodge," while W. Bro. Dr. Walters, with speech and song, assisted in the entertainment.

Laying the Corner Stone of Bro. Robert Burns Memorial Statue.—The Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Harding, having been invited by the Burns Memorial Committee to lay the corner stone of the statue to be erected in the Allen Gardens, Toronto, and having accepted the invitation, a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Temple Building, Toronto, on Saturday afternoon, June 21st, 1902. The several Lodges of both Districts in the city met prior to opening of the Grand Lodge, and under the auspices of the oldest Lodge, St. Andrew's, No. 16. The brethren, to the number of about 700, and headed by the 48th Highlanders Band, marched in procession, in order of warrant, to the Allen Gardens, where the Acting Grand Master consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty. Addresses were then delivered and the interesting ceremony brought to a most successful conclusion. The procession reformed, and returning to the Temple Building, the Grand Lodge closed.

Joint Coronation and St. John's Day Service.—Toronto West District, No. 11, and Toronto East District, No. 11a, combined for the purpose of celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist and the coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII. The members, to the number of nearly one thousand, assembled at the Temple Building at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 22nd, and headed by the Royal Grenadiers' Band, proceeded to St. James Cathedral. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Welch, M.A., D.C.L., rector of the Cathedral, and Bro. Rev. A. U. DePencier, the musical part being under the direction of Bro. Dr. Albert Ham, the organist of the Cathedral. The program was an exceptionally fine one, and included the Hallelujah

Chorus. The anthem solo was taken by Bro. Alan Fairweather. Rev. Canon Welch took for his text, Micah, 6th ch pter, 19 th verse: "He that showeth thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." Among those who attended were R. W. Bro. Judge Harding, Acting Grand Master; Most W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, E. T. Malone and W. A. Sutherland, of Rochester, Past Grand Masters, and many Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful and Worshipful brethren.

In conclusion, I desire to express my heartfelt thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness of which I have been the happy recipient, and I surrender the gavel of office with mingled gladness and regret; the former, because I feel I am able to transmit to my successor a very satisfactory state of Craft affairs in this large and influential District; the latter, because of this official parting with my brethren, at whose hands I have received many acts of kindness, so many words of cheer and comfort, and for my successor in this sacred trust I bespeak a repetition of what has been extended to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN WATSON, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto East District, No. 11a.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 11a, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other cases.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Decrease during year.	During year.		Regular.	Emergent.				Total.																	
14	St. Andr'ws	Toronto	255	13	17	18	20	5	9	6	3	10	13	15	147	59	28	292	45	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	\$2500 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	33	...	3	5	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	7	00	4	26	05	July 9, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst
25	Ionie	Toronto	234	...	7	12	11	...	3	7	1	1	1	1	267	33	7	39	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst
75	St. John's	"	233	...	12	11	...	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	160	00	29	298	95	Jan. 1, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst
87	Mark'm U.	Markham	37	1	3	1	1	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	5	00	...	...	...	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	700 00
97	Sharon	Sharon	59	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	15	58	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	200 00
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	51	...	1	1	1	...	2	10	2	12	21	...	...	...	16	69	75	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	300 00
129	Rising Sun.	Aurora	55	...	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	70	40	Dec. 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	1500 00
136	Richards'n.	Stouffville	47	...	2	2	3	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	78	00	...	...	...	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	200 00
218	Stevenson.	Toronto	191	9	14	11	10	...	4	4	4	4	10	5	72	00	11	...	...	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	500 00
220	Zeredatha.	Uxbridge	81	6	8	6	5	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	10	00	2	4	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	500 00
269	Brou'n U.	Claremont	42	2	3	5	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	10	00	4	15	00	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	300 00
316	Doric	Toronto	142	...	8	9	9	1	3	8	2	4	10	4	14	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	1000 00
339	Orient	"	221	17	27	24	26	...	4	8	3	3	14	12	26	50	101	50	17	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	1000 00
343	Georgina	"	209	5	8	2	1	4	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	2	00	June 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	200 00
354	Brock	Cannington	56	1	2	1	4	...	1	12	1	13	15	...	...	...	15	60	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	200 00
967	St. George.	Toronto	171	5	13	18	18	1	2	3	7	1	12	9	21	50	80	25	8	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	1500 00
10	Zeta	"	126	8	15	17	14	1	1	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	21	123	80	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	1500 00
24	Acacia	Pickering	98	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	00	...	...	...	Jan. 31, '02	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	250 00
430	Acacia	East Toronto	98	9	11	7	11	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	55	00	8	175	90	June 30, '01	Good	Good	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	H'll Tst	Yes	400 00

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F, & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Ontario District No. 12, I desire at the outset to return my sincere thanks to my brethren for the honor conferred upon me in my election as official representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District. Personally I felt that this honor was unmerited, but submitting to the inevitable, I have endeavored to discharge my duties to the best of my skill and ability, and now that the year's work has been completed, and I render an account of my stewardship, I trust that the brethren may have no cause to regret their action of a year ago, but rather that my course may meet with a fair share of their approval and esteem. I am pleased to be able to report that I have paid an official visit to each of the 25 Lodges in the District, and some of them I have visited several times. I have made the request in almost every Lodge to be permitted to do some part of the work of the evening, and the idea in every case has been kindly entertained by the W.M. I was thus enabled to teach, by example as well as precept, which to my mind should be an essential part in the qualification of every D.D.G.M. At the same time, by entering actively into the duties of the Lodge, the officers were made to feel more at ease, and were able to do themselves greater credit on that account. It is a pleasure to say that in no Lodge have I found the work poorly or even indifferently done; that while many excel, all are endeavoring to render the ritualistic part of our ceremonies in a manner commensurate with the beauty and the importance of the great truths therein contained.

Dispensations.—The following dispensations were requested and granted during the year, and the fees there-

for duly transmitted to the Grand Secretary: To attend divine service, clothed as Masons: Somerville, U. D., January 19, 1902; Faithful Brethren, No. 77, June 22, 1902, and Hope, No. 114, June 29, 1902. A request for dispensation to permit the brethren of a Lodge to appear in public clothed as Masons, on Sunday, for the purpose of marching to the cemetery and decorating with flowers the graves of departed brethren, I felt impelled to refuse.

Lodge of Instruction.—In conformity with the suggestion in the report of the sub-committee on the condition of Masonry that a Lodge of Instruction should be held in every district during the year, I called such a Lodge to meet under the joint auspices of Corinthian, No. 101, and Peterboro, No. 155, in the town of Peterboro, on March 6, 1902. This meeting was largely attended, 244 brethren having registered their names, and I have reason to believe that much pleasure and profit was the result. The assembled representatives were fortunate in having present on this occasion R. W. Bro. Harding, Acting Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Worth, D. D.G.M. Erie District No. 1, and other distinguished brethren, who took a lively interest in the discussions, and thereby enhanced the value of the meeting to all present. Unfortunately for myself, a lengthened serious illness prevented my attendance, and my thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to all who in any way assisted in making the Lodge of Instruction a success, and especially are they due to R. W. Bro. Shortly and V. W. Bro. Dennistoun, who so ably filled the position allotted to myself on this occasion. In the afternoon the exemplification of the work in the first and second degrees were given by Cedar, No. 270, Oshawa, W. Bro. Rev. J. J. Rae, W.M., and Clementi, No. 313, Lakefield, W. Bro. Dr. J. R. Fraser, W.M., and in the evening the third degree was exemplified by Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay, W. Bro. D. R. Anderson, W.M. It is needless to say that all the Lodges acquitted themselves with distinction, and to the entire satisfaction and gratification of the brethren present. Dedication—A special feature of this gathering was the dedication, in ample form, of the new hall occupied by the Peterboro Lodges. For this purpose an Especial Communication of Grand

Lodge was convened at 8 o'clock, R. W. Bro. Harding, Acting Grand Master, presiding. As this ceremony is reported among the proceedings of the several Especial Communications of Grand Lodge, I need add nothing further than to say that the work of the several officers and pro-tempore officers of Grand Lodge was an object lesson to all present, and one long to be remembered. March 6th was a red-letter day in the annals of Masonry in Peterboro, and let us hope, in the whole District. A sumptuous banquet closed the day's labor. I am pleased to be able to state that the utmost harmony exists among the several Lodges of the District, and that peace, prosperity and progress are the watch-words all along the line. In every Lodge I have been most kindly received and hospitably entertained, and with one exception the usual grant towards the D.D.G.M.'s expenses has freely and voluntarily contributed.

I beg leave to suggest that in order to reap the greatest amount of benefit from our present system of visitation, D.D.G.M.'s should be given a two years' term of office, as is now accorded to the G.M. and D.G.M., the change in D.D.G.M.'s not to be made the same year as the new G.M. and D.G.M. are elected; also that at the conclusion of two years' faithful service Grand Lodge should present to each retiring D.D.G.M. a suit of regalia as a souvenir of the arduous, but pleasant duty he has been called upon to perform in the interests of the craft.

Ontario District regrets exceedingly the death during the early part of the year, of our late esteemed Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, but it is a source of congratulation that the mantle has fallen upon one so well fitted to fill the office with honor and dignity as the present Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding. Appended is the report of my visits to the several Lodges, also a tabulated statement of the work done in each during the year.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope. W. Bro. L. H. Wilson, W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, Secretary: Paid my official visit to this, the oldest Lodge in the District, on December 27, 1901, when I had the honor of acting as Installing Master and installing and investing the officers for 1902. Ontario has long held a high

place among the best working Lodges of the District, and this high standing bids fair to be maintained. Before the installation ceremony W. Bro. Brown, now I.P. M. and his officers conferred the sublime degree of a M.M. upon one candidate, and although not done for inspection, this Lodge having been visited and reported on by my predecessor during the year 1901, was well and impressively rendered. The W. M.-elect did not seem to have a very good grasp of the work. It is but fair to state that this was on account of his having been for some time absent from the Lodge. I have since been informed that great improvement has been made and that he is now able to work all the degrees. I was much impressed with R. W. Bro. Robertson's method of keeping his books and with the completeness of his annual report. Taken altogether, it is the best I have seen. Would respectfully suggest that the first part of Clause 214, B. of C., 1901, should in all cases be complied with, also that none beneath the degree of a Master Mason is eligible for election to any office in the Lodge. Ontario Lodge mourns the loss by death of V. W. Bro. Hoffman, P.G.S.B., a brother of exemplary character and sterling worth, and one of its oldest members, he having been initiated in this Lodge in 1866.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby. W. Bro. George Britton, W.M.; W. Bro. Joseph White, Secretary: I shall long retain pleasant recollections of my warm and enthusiastic reception at the hands of the brethren of Composite Lodge at their regular meeting on January 3, 1902. Was pleased to meet W. Bro. Dr. Moore and Bro. Eddy, of Mount Zion, returning the fraternal visit of Composite brethren on November 19th, and I thank them for their kind words of cheer and commendation. During the evening the third degree was conferred upon one candidate, which was done in an excellent manner. W. Bro. Britton and his officers, who were all installed but a few days' previous to my visit, did their work with credit to themselves and honor to the Lodge, and I feel safe in saying that any work they may be called upon to do during the year will be of that high order which has long characterized Composite Lodge. It is very encouraging to see R. W. Bro. Ross, W. Bro. Hatch, W. Bro. Huggard, W. Bro. Cormack and other P.M.'s

assisting with the duties of the Lodge and taking an active interest in its welfare. This report would be incomplete if I failed to state that V. W. Bro. Philip Taylor, the "grandpa" of them all, was present as cheerful and happy as ever, and quite as exacting in the matter of a correct rendering of the work. May he long be spared to keep a fatherly eye over the members of Composite Lodge. In W. Bro. White No. 30 possesses one of the best Secretaries of the District. At the fourth degree Bro. S.W. presided in a capable manner, when a pleasant hour was spent in speech and song and fraternal pleasantries, interspersed with patriotic choruses. Altogether this was one of the most delightful visits of the year.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville. W. Bro. T. G. Bragg, W.M.; Bro. Jos. Pattinson, Secretary: Emergent meeting, June 26, 1902. This Lodge stands among the leaders in the District for prompt, clear cut and accurate work. One candidate presented himself for initiation, which degree was conferred in a faultless manner, every officer from W.M. to Tyler acquitting himself with distinction. Jerusalem Lodge contains a large number of well-skilled, warm-hearted and enthusiastic craftsmen, and may be classed among the best workers in the District. Having to catch a train prevented me from participating in the work of the fourth, which I am told is worked on a scale in keeping with the other degrees. The books are well and neatly kept.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin. W. B. Edwin Snudder, W.M.; Bro. Chas. J. Spence, Secretary: This Lodge, which is one of the oldest in the District, having been instituted in 1852, has had a varied experience, and for some years, owing to limited territory and other legitimate causes, has not done much work, but the loyalty and devotion of a few members has kept the Lodge together, and now there are signs of the return of its old-time prosperity. The membership is small, but is composed of the right kind of material, the foremost men of the village and surrounding country having their names on its roll. I visited Mount Zion at the regular meeting on November 19, 1901. The attendance of members was small, but a pleasing feature was the presence of a large contingent from Composite Lodge, Whitby,

who very kindly drove out to pay a fraternal visit and lend a hand in the work. During the evening the sublime degree of a Master Mason was conferred upon one candidate, W. Bro. J. J. Moore, M.D., then W.M., being in the East. The work of the W.M. was highly creditable, but the support he received from the subordinate officers was far from satisfactory. Would recommend that if possible the officers be called together occasionally for rehearsal of the work, also that the Lodge be opened promptly at the time stated in the notice. The Lodge room is bright and cheerful, and altogether forms a very cosy Masonic home, and is owned by the fraternity. The books are well and neatly kept, and it goes without saying that whatever Masonic duty Bro. Eddy undertakes will be done with credit to himself and honor to the craft.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle. W. Bro. J. K. Allen, W.M.; Bro. E. Simmons, Secretary: Paid my official visit to this Lodge on Wednesday, the 25th of June, 1902, when I had the honor of installing the officers for the ensuing twelve months. The night was exceedingly inclement, the rain falling in torrents. This made the attendance of members necessarily small, but my reception was none the less hearty on this account. After the installation a candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, the chair being occupied by W. Bro. McLeod, I.P.M. The work was done in a creditable manner. The Secretary's books are neatly kept, but the arrears of dues is far too large for a Lodge of this size. Would respectfully suggest that a special effort should be made to rid the books of this burden. With a W.M. of the social and financial standing of Bro. Allen we bespeak a renewal of prosperity for Durham Lodge. This Lodge mourns the loss of Bro. Captain Milligan, who nobly sacrificed his life for the honor of Canada and the integrity of the empire at the battle of Hart's River, South Africa.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay. W. Bro. D. R. Anderson, W.M.; Bro. R. G. Corneil, Secretary: Visited this Lodge at the regular meeting, February 7, 1902, and received a royal reception at the hands of the Lindsay brethren. The attendance was large, when the almost impassable condition of the roads is taken

into consideration. R. W. Bro. Harding, Acting Grand Master, was pleased to pay an official visit the same evening, and the presence of so distinguished a visitor was a most gratifying feature of this truly fraternal gathering. The Lodge was rather at a disadvantage under inspection, as some of the officers could not be present on account of the great depths of snow, but notwithstanding this the work was of a high order. The opening and closing in the different degrees was correctly done, and a candidate was initiated in a very impressive and satisfactory manner. Indeed, so well pleased was I with the conferring of the degree, that I there and then invited W. Bro. Anderson and his staff of officers to confer the third degree at the Lodge of Instruction on March 6. This invitation, I am pleased to say, was readily accepted, and the sublime degree was conferred in a manner eminently satisfactory to all present and a credit to Faithful Brethren Lodge. Bro. Corneil's books are in first-class condition, but the dues need to be closely looked after. A pleasant hour at the festive board closed what was to me a very enjoyable meeting.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro. W. Bro. T. Newton Greer, W.M.; Bro. P. Campbell, Secretary: Visited this Lodge officially May 21, 1902, and received a very cordial reception from the large number of brethren present. This Lodge stands in the front rank of the best working Lodges of the District. The officers, by frequent rehearsals, have attained a very high degree of efficiency. The evening's work was the initiation of a candidate, which was done in a faultless manner. Where every officer is a "star" it is difficult to particularise, but in justice to the J.W., Bro. H. Nesbitt, I wish to say that his rendering of the lecture was a treat such as I have seldom listened to. Corinthian Lodge has enjoyed a prosperous year, and its officers are entitled to the very highest credit for the excellent manner in which they exemplify the work. The books are well kept and dues well collected.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope. W. Bro. A. G. Aldrich, M.D., W.M.; W. Bro. Thos. H. Bell, Secretary: Visited this Lodge on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, when a joint meeting with Ontario Lodge was

held for the purpose of installation of officers and reception of the D.D.G.M., and had the pleasure of installing and investing the officers-elect for 1902. Hope Lodge had just passed through a very quiet year, with little or no work, but with the New Year came a revival, and since then candidates have been plentiful. I have had no opportunity to witness the conferring of any degrees in Hope Lodge, but judging from the skill and ability displayed by W. Bro. Aldrich and his officers on the night of installation, I feel safe in saying that the work done is of a high order. The books were in a rather confused condition, owing to the removal of the Secretary from the locality early in the year, but under the skilful hand of W. Bro. Bell we expect our successor will find them models of accuracy and neatness. Would recommend that a special effort be made to collect dues outstanding and reduce the number of brethren in arrears.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa. W. Bro. W. A. Hare, W.M.; Bro. W. E. N. Sinclair, Secretary: I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on January 10, 1902, at a joint meeting with Cedar Lodge, called for the purpose of doing honor to the D.D.G.M. and of saying good-bye to W. Bro. Stericker, whose business successes were responsible for his removal to a higher sphere of usefulness in Montreal. The notice for this meeting called for no actual work, but W. Bro. Stericker and his officers exemplified the third degree in a satisfactory manner, when allowance is made for a little more than the regulation amount of nervousness, apparently inseparable from inspection. When the Lodge had been closed down to the first degree, which was done in a correct and business-like manner, W. Bro. Punchon took the floor, and in a speech overflowing with eloquence and beautiful Masonic references, and punctuated by the applause of the brethren, "surprised" W. Bro. Stericker by presenting him with a beautiful gold-headed cane as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the Masonic fraternity. At the magnificent banquet which followed there were many touching expressions of regret at parting with a brother so popular as W. Bro. Stericker. His place will be hard to fill.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook. W. Bro. W. T. Wood, W.M.; Bro. George E. Burnham, Secretary:

Paid my official visit to this Lodge at an emergent meeting on May 20th. After perusing the report of my predecessor on this Lodge, I should not have been surprised to find it in a rather backward condition, but to my extreme gratification I found the very opposite to be the case. The attendance was quite large, and I received a most cordial and enthusiastic reception. The work of the evening was the conferring of the sublime degree upon a young craftsman who was to leave for England the following morning, this emergent meeting having been called for that special purpose. In no Lodge in the District have I found a candidate better posted, every question as well as the obligation being promptly answered and letter perfect. The raising was done in a manner above criticism. The opening and closing in the different degrees were quite satisfactory. The books are well kept and dues well collected.

Peterboro Lodge, No. 155, Peterboro. W. Bro. W. Stocker, W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, Secretary: This is the Lodge in which I have the honor of membership, and I consequently attend all its meetings, but my official visit as D.D.G.M. was made at the regular meeting on May 2, 1902. Numerically, Peterboro Lodge can boast of being the banner Lodge of the District, having on its roll 157 names, and this number is being added to at nearly every meeting. Five members have been called away by death during the year. On the evening of my visit there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The sublime degree of a M. M. was conferred upon one candidate by W. Bro. Stocker and his officers in an eminently satisfactory manner. The P.M.'s always take a deep interest in the work of the Lodge, and are ever ready to lend a helping hand in perfecting and conferring the same. The officers hold weekly meetings throughout the year for rehearsal of the work, which accounts for the degree of perfection to which they have attained. Their example might well be imitated by many Lodges in the District. The dues are well paid up. A pleasing feature of this meeting was the presentation to myself of a beautiful and complete suit of D.D.G.M.'s regalia, and solid leather case for the same, from my brethren of Peterboro Lodge. W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Armitage delivered an

eloquent and flattering address, extolling the virtues and usefulness of their Secretary and D.D.G.M., while W. Bro. Roszel made the presentation. This order of business not being on the summons, was such a surprise that I fear my gratitude was very imperfectly expressed, and I take this opportunity of once more tendering my sincerest thanks to my brethren, not only for the beautiful and costly present, but for the many acts of kindness and forbearance I have received at their hands.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood. W. Bro. J. B. Pearce, W.M.; Bro. E. P. Cuffe, Secretary: Paid my official visit to this Lodge at the regular meeting on April 22, 1902. I am free to admit that this was the only Lodge in the District that caused me any anxiety on accepting office. It has been for many years in a semi-dormant state, and on more than one occasion P.D.D.G.M's contemplated calling in the charter, but to my infinite surprise and gratification the Lodge has aroused itself from its lethargic condition and now bids fair soon to take its proper place among the most prosperous Lodges of the District. Thanks to the energy of W. Bro. Pearce, to whose credit be it stated that after many years of separation from the craft has returned to the rescue of Norwood Lodge with all the ardor of his early manhood. The Lodge room has been thoroughly renovated and recarpeted, and now presents as attractive an appearance as any Lodge could desire. Dues have been collected, arrears of rent and Grand Lodge dues have been squared up, and No. 223 is once more on the high road to prosperity. The work of the evening was conferring the sublime degree, which was done with W. Bro. Moffatt in the East in a satisfactory manner. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of R. W. Bro. Shaw, V. W. Bro. McNeil, W. Bro. Anderson and others from Keene Lodge, who had taken the long drive in order to cheer on and fraternize with the brethren of Norwood. This Lodge numbers among its officers and members the best men in the town, and with good material offering its future is assured.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon. W. Bro. W. A. Davis, W.M.; W. Bro. Chas E. Stewart, Secretary: Regular meeting June 20, 1902. On my visit to this Lodge I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Gibson, V. W.

Bro. Munro, W. Bro. Conway and Bro. Butcher, of Peterboro, all well skilled and clever workers, who undertook the fifty mile drive from Peterboro for the purpose of cheering up and encouraging the brethren of our northern suburb. Verulam Lodge has been passing through a period of depression, having had only two candidates in eight years, but the members have nobly stuck together, and now a brighter time is in view, as four petitions were received at this meeting. With the help of the aforesaid brethren we resolved ourselves into a sort of traveling Lodge of Instruction and assisted the W.M. in the exemplification of the first degree. The brother who acted as candidate, having been initiated over a quarter of a century ago, expressed himself as deeply impressed with the excellence of the ceremony as now rendered, in comparison with the work of that early date. Would recommend the securing of tracing boards to assist the Wardens in delivering the lectures. Bro. Smiff, as Secretary, is the right man in the right place. We anticipate a bright future for this Lodge.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa. W. Bro. Rev. J. J. Rae, W.M.; W. Bro. L. K. Murton, Secretary: Paid my official visit to this Lodge on January 10, when an emergent meeting was called in connection with Lebanon Lodge, and was accorded a very warm and enthusiastic reception. As the officers had been so recently installed one would scarcely expect to find them quite at home in their several positions, but to my great gratification the first degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner, although slightly marred by nervousness. Bro. J.W., in delivering the lecture for the first time, especially distinguished himself. From what I saw and heard I was perfectly satisfied that Cedar Lodge does first-class work in every respect. At the close the brethren were invited to the banqueting hall, where W. Bro. Rae presided with his usual skill, and a most enjoyable hour was spent in speech and toast and song. The officers of Cedar Lodge readily accepted my invitation to attend the Lodge of Instruction at Peterboro and exemplify the first degree. This was at considerable personal inconvenience to many of them, but the Oshawa brethren never shirk anything of the nature of

a Masonic duty. It was the generally expressed opinion of those present that the presentation of the work by Cedar Lodge officers left nothing further to be desired.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield. W. Bro. J. R. Fraser, M.D., W.M.; Bro. R. Q. Dench, Secretary: I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge at the regular meeting on February 4, 1902, and was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Munro, W. Bro. Conway and W. Bro. Stocker, of Peterboro Lodge. The roads were in a wretched condition from the recent heavy snowstorm, and the night cold and stormy, but the warmth of the Masonic reception one meets with in Lakefield would well repay twice the inconvenience we experienced in reaching there. The notice of the meeting called for the initiation of Rev. A. W. MacKenzie, which was done in due time and in a manner to please the most fastidious. Every officer and assisting P.M. acquitted himself in a manner which left nothing further to be desired. I congratulate W. Bro. Fraser on being the presiding officer of a Lodge which does its work second to none. Bro. Dench's books could hardly be improved on, and the dues are exceptionally well looked after. Only two brethren are reported as in arrears. Long may he continue to be known as the model Secretary. Clementi Lodge gives special attention to the working of the fourth degree, and the cultivation of the social side of Masonry, which in my mind is as necessary as a correct rendition of the work. After the Lodge was closed a couple of pleasant and profitable hours were spent around the festive board until Bro. J.W's "happy to meet, sorry to part" ended one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year. As mentioned elsewhere in the report, Clementi Lodge very kindly consented to exemplify the second degree at the Lodge of Instruction in Peterboro on March 6, and it goes without saying that the work was done in such a manner as to merit the very highest encomiums.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono. W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Liggott, W.M.; Bro. T. Smith, Secretary: Visited this Lodge at an emergent meeting on the 27th of June, 1902. The attendance was small. The work of the evening was the passing of one candidate, the former

part of the ceremony being taken by the W.M. in an earnest though rather imperfect manner. It is but fair to state that the W.M., who is a comparatively young Mason, has been pushed on by the brethren to his present position more rapidly than he could perfect the work with the limited time at his disposal. The S.W. delivered the lecture in a very creditable manner. The opening and closing in the different degrees fairly correct. On the whole the work of this Lodge is below the average. This is no doubt due in no small degree to the absence of R. W. Bro. Linton, who has been an active worker in this Lodge for many years. Would recommend that the officers meet more frequently for rehearsal of the work. Books well kept.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene. W. Bro. A. D. Anderson, W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. M. Shaw, M.D., Secretary: Visited this Lodge at the regular meeting on June 19, 1902, accompanied by W. Bro. Stocker and Bro. J. G. M. Wilson, of Peterboro Lodge. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees satisfactorily. The work of the evening was to confer the sublime degree on one candidate, which was done by the W.M., assisted by V. W. Bro. McNeil and W. Bro. McCamus, in a correct and pleasing manner, the raising by V. W. Bro. McNeil being worthy of special mention. The solemn and impressive rendering of this part of the ceremony could not fail to make a lasting impression on the minds of all who heard it. On the whole this Lodge does admirable work. Keene Lodge being the home of R. W. Bro. Shaw, P.D.D.G.M, the Lodge naturally feels the influence of one who has taken such a deep interest in Masonry as he has for many years. Was pleased to meet here Bro. R. Q. Dench, the efficient Secretary of No. 313, also Bro. Rev. McCauley, of Warsaw, whose stirring and eloquent words were an incentive to the greater devotion to every Masonic duty.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375. W. Bro. G. Stewart Cameron, W.M.; Bro. Geo. H. English, Acting Secretary: Visited Lorne Lodge at the regular meeting June 5, 1902. This Lodge has suffered severely by removal of members to other parts. Five candidates were initiated during the year and four dimits granted. Like most Lodges located in villages, this one is very tardy in be-

ginning Masonic labor. Nine o'clock p.m. is too late an hour to open the Lodge. Would recommend that the brethren make an effort to be present so that the W. M. may open promptly at the hour stated in the notices. The work of the evening was the initiation of one candidate, which was done in a very creditable manner. Opening and closing in the different degrees correctly done. The books are well kept, but the amount of dues outstanding is much too great. The financial affairs of Lorne Lodge should receive immediate and vigorous attention.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield. W. Bro. A. E. Staback, W.M.; Bro. Jas. McClelland, Secretary: Visited this Lodge at the regular meeting on August 28, 1901. The attendance of members was small owing, no doubt, to the busy season. The brethren are exceedingly enthusiastic, warm-hearted and hospitable, and we bespeak for any representative of Grand Lodge a most fraternal and hearty reception in Victoria Lodge. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presence of a dozen members of The Spry Lodge, Fenelon Falls, 28 miles distant, headed by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald; also a delegation from Murray Lodge, Beaverton. Bros. Rutherford and Welch having driven 20 miles to be with us in Kirkfield. Bro. I.G. informed me that it had taken him the whole day to reach Kirkfield, but having accepted the office he felt it an imperative duty to be present. Such enthusiasm, and such sacrifices, might well bring the blush of shame to the cheek of many of our easy-going brethren in town or city, who often find it too great an effort to reach the Lodge room, although residing but perhaps a few blocks away. The Lodge opened late, being dependent, as in some other places, on the arrival of a train and the distribution of the mail. Such trifles should not be permitted to interfere with the opening of the Lodge promptly on time. The room was small and insufferably hot. I am informed that the Lodge has since then moved into larger and more comfortable quarters, "a consummation devoutly to be wished." The work of the evening was the passing of two candidates, and the raising of one. W. Bro. Staback worked the second degree fairly well, but received very poor support from the Wardens. As the officers

of this Lodge were installed in June, it is but fair to state that I have no doubt much better work will be done before they have been long in office. W. Bro. Mosgrove conferred the third degree, which was done in a fairly creditable manner, although marked by the same "school-girl" nervousness as that in the former degree. Bro. McClelland, as Secretary-Treasurer, has the books in good condition and the dues well collected, but I would suggest that as soon as possible the offices of Secretary and Treasurer should be separated, as it is not according to generally accepted Masonic usage for one brother to hold both offices.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls. W. Bro. F. A. McDermid, W.M.; R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, Secretary: Visited this Lodge on the evening of August 29, 1901, and received a right royal reception at the hands of the Fenelon Falls brethren. As previously stated, a large delegation from The Spry had come up to Kirkfield to assist the Victoria brethren to do honor to the Grand Lodge representative. After the close of Victoria Lodge it was my good fortune to accompany The Spry brethren on a midnight moonlight cruise through 28 miles of the Trent Valley waters, including B Isam Lake, Burnt River, Gull River and Cameron Lake to Fenelon Falls in the trim little steam yacht Dauntless, owned and sailed by whole-souled Bro. Wm. Robson. This trip was one of the most pleasant experiences in my round of visitations. The work under inspection was the initiation of two candidates, W. Bro. Dr. Graham, now I.P.M., being in the chair. The initiation was exceedingly well done, the latter part being taken by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, the W.M. having received an urgent professional call. The rendering of the J.W.'s lecture by Bro. McDermid was worthy of very special mention, in fact, was given in a manner above criticism. The Spry Lodge is doing excellent work and is most complete in all its equipments. The Secretary's books are models of neatness, and reflect much credit on the painstaking incumbent of that office, V. W. Bro. Farncombe. One feature which particularly struck me was the very intelligent, methodical and business-like manner in which the business requiring the attention of the Lodge was discussed and disposed of.

Taken altogether, The Spry ranks high among the Lodges of the District, and the D.D.G.M. who is fortunate enough to spend a day in Fenelon Falls will realize that the lines have fallen to him in a very pleasant place.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton. W. Bro. D. McKay, W.M.; W. Bro. W. Williamson, Secretary: Visited this Lodge at the regular meeting on August 27, 1901. Owing to the busy season, the apathy of resident members, and the distance which many members live from the Lodge, the attendance was very small. We were pleased to notice the presence of three visitors from distant Lodges. The work of the third degree was gone through with in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. McKay and his officers, the rendition of their several parts showing much care in preparation. The opening and closing in the three degrees was well done. Altogether the work done in Murray Lodge is satisfactory. If the Past Masters could be induced to take an active interest in its affairs I think Murray Lodge would be greatly benefited. To this end I would suggest that they be seen and asked to do a part of the work at each meeting; that the Lodge should be opened sharp on time and not let the opening depend upon such uncertain occurrences as the arrival of a train or the distribution of the mail. Postponing Masonic work far into the night, until every other duty, real or fancied, is performed, is not calculated to give the brethren a true idea of its importance. Also, when possible, provide light refreshments and encourage the brethren to spend an hour in social intercourse after the close of the Lodge. This Lodge reports no arrears of dues, which is certainly an enviable condition of affairs, and reflects credit on its enthusiastic Secretary, W. Bro. Williamson. The books are in a fairly good condition, but are lacking in that neatness so characteristic of the work of most Secretaries in this District.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry. W. Bro. Geo McIntyre Gibbs, W.M.; W. Bro. Wm. Spence, Secretary: Paid my official visit to this Lodge at the regular meeting on May 16, 1902. Found a large number of brethren present, and received an exceedingly pleasant and hearty reception. Lodge opened rather late. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Beatty, now I.P.

M., and his officers. The J.W. being absent, his office was admirably filled by W. Bro. Harrison. The work of the evening was the conferring of the F.C. degree upon one candidate, which was done in a very creditable manner. The lecture as delivered by Bro. S. W. was especially well done, and the work of Bro. Doubt as Chaplain was worthy of special mention. The Secretary's books are as neat as could be desired, and the dues are well looked after and paid up. The outlook for Fidelity Lodge is very bright. Four petitions were received at this meeting. Am informed that this Lodge has suffered from the indiscriminate use of the black ball, but I hope that no unworthy motive will further prompt the brethren to prostitute the legitimate use of this safeguard to our ancient privileges. It is most encouraging to see the number of young men taking an active part in the affairs of this Lodge. We were pleased to meet visitors from Jerusalem and Zeredatha at this meeting. A pleasant hour over strawberries and cream, recounting Masonic reminiscences, closed one of the most agreeable evenings of the course.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock. W. Bro. Thos. H. Cummings, W.M.; Bro. A. Kniewasser, Secretary: Visited this Lodge at the regular meeting on January 17, 1902, when I had the honor of installing the officers for the ensuing year. Was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Stocker, who rendered valuable assistance in the installation ceremony as well as in the fourth degree, which the Havelock brethren work to perfection. After the installation W. Bro. Cummings, who, by the way, had some time previously occupied the East in this Lodge, and who was now honored with another term in office in reward for his zeal and fidelity, conferred the third degree in a very satisfactory manner, receiving good support from his subordinate officers. The Havelock brethren introduce into this degree a feature peculiarly their own, which if carried out with due decorum, as I am assured it always is, adds to the solemnity of the occasion, and can not fail to make a lasting impression upon the mind of the candidate. The work of this Lodge is in every way up to date and satisfactory. In point of work done Havelock leads the District with fifteen initiations, and a total of forty degrees conferred during the year. The membership is made up largely

of railway men, than whom no more zealous and enthusiastic Masons are to be found. With W. Bro. Dodds as tutor, the brethren are developing a degree of eloquence which is truly commendable, the number of clear cut and sensible speeches around the banquet table being far above the average heard on such occasions. In Bro. Kniewasser the Lodge possesses a Secretary who is alive to every duty of his office, and performs the same promptly and efficiently.

Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden. W. Bro. Wm. Giles, W.M.; Bro. W. S. Munn, Secretary: I visited this Lodge at the regular meeting August 23, 1901, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, who kindly went along to give me encouragement and counsel, this being my first official visitation. I found the Minden brethren as receptive and warm hearted as had been represented to me. To spend an evening with them fully repays one for the agony experienced during the 28 mile drive from Minden and return, over a road such as never "has been." On the return trip, through darkness that could be felt, with Bro. McCallum as guide, my mind dwelt continually on the familiar question, "In all cases of difficulty and danger in whom do you put your trust?" During the evening one candidate was conducted through the ceremony of initiation in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Hartle and his able staff of officers. Owing to the absence from home of some of the officers I was prevented from seeing Arcadia at its best, but their places were well filled, and what I did see convinced me that excellent work is being done. The Lodge owes much to the continued active interest of that thorough Masonic student, W. Bro. Watson. Bro. Watson gave the explanation of the tracing board in a very effective and impressive manner, although rather more voluminous than is at present recognized. Bro. Munn is a model Secretary. His books are excellently kept, and the dues well collected. The fourth degree is worked on a scale unexcelled, and I would respectfully suggest that Bro. J. W. exercise a care lest his efforts in this line should prove too heavy a drain upon funds which might better be devoted to more charitable objects.

Somerville Lodge, U.D., Kinmount. R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, W.M.; Bro. Fred. Train, Secretary: After assuming the honorable position of D.D.G.M. of On-

tario District my first visitation was on August 22, when, under instructions from the G.M., I officially instituted Somerville Lodge, all the preliminary work having been done by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Linton. In the performance of this duty I was accompanied and ably assisted by R. W. Bro. H. Rush, of Peterboro, and R. W. Bro. J. M. Shaw, M.D., of Keene, two of the most enthusiastic and capable workers in the District. The charter membership numbers 14, and many of the officers chosen are Past Masters. The Lodge certainly starts out under very auspicious conditions, having the veteran worker, R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald as W.M., and the enthusiastic W. Bro. Brandon for I.P.M., while the Secretary's office could not contain a more capable or painstaking officer than Bro. Fred. Train. While not in favor of the multiplication of small and perhaps weak Lodges, I must say that the institution of Somerville Lodge seems to fill a long-felt want, as many brethren had to travel from 15 to 30 miles to reach Arcadia at Minden or The Spry at Fenelon Falls. Under the able management that the Lodge starts out with, I am led to hope that its future will be bright. The brethren have secured very comfortable quarters for their Masonic home, and have furnished them elegantly. Altogether they form a suite of rooms, "perfect in their parts and honorable to the builders." With his annual returns (June 25) the Secretary reports that since its institution Somerville Lodge has initiated 13 candidates and received one affiliation, and that in all 31 degrees have been conferred. The Lodge is clear of debt and the financial standing is satisfactory. The officers and members take a lively interest in its welfare, and its prospects are bright. Although the number of accepted candidates has been large, still several applications have been rejected, and the Lodge is working on the principle that quality is better than quantity, unless the quantity be composed of "just and upright men."

In conclusion I again thank the brethren for the kind assistance they have voluntarily given me in the performance of my duties while D.D.G.M. of Ontario District, No. 12. Happy to meet, sorry to part.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. WALKEY, D.D.G.M.,

Ontario District, No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Ontario District, No 12, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's Conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.						
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.						M. M.																	
														Regular.	Emergent.										Total.					
26	Ontario	Port Hope	91	13	3	10	3	2	1	1	1	1	14	5	19	20	130	56	25	167	75	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	\$1200 00					
30	Composite. Whitby	Whitby	75	1	..	..	3	2	3	..	..	..	2	13	1	14	26	38	00	55	50	June 6, '01	Fair	Yes	400 00
31	Jerusalem. Bowmanville ..	Bowmanville ..	71	8	..	..	12	3	15	23	40	00	5	118	25	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	5	118	25	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	1000 00			
39	Mo'n Zion	Brooklin	27	2	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	1	11	11	12	25	00	7	50	00	.....	Good	Yes	.....				
66	Durham	Newcastle	25	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	9	9	10	11	85	15	109	00	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Yes	.....				
77	Faithful B. Lindsay	Lindsay	106	6	4	5	13	2	1	14	3	17	15	52	00	23	110	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	210 00				
101	Corinthian	Peterborough ..	107	10	2	9	7	11	1	2	12	5	17	26	60	00	15	60	20	Dec. 28, '01	Good	Yes	1200 00				
114	Hope	Port Hope	81	6	..	..	5	3	1	1	..	..	1	14	4	18	17	..	27	171	60	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	.....				
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	67	6	..	..	8	6	6	4	1	..	1	11	1	12	25	20	7	76	00	Dec. 28, '02	Good	Yes	600 00			
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	52	4	4	4	4	1	10	1	11	14	14	5	00	4	75	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	250 00				
155	Peterbo'gh	Peterborough ..	157	13	7	8	10	11	5	..	2	..	5	14	7	21	44	66	00	14	52	90	Dec. 27, '01	Sound	Encon't	Fully				
223	Norwood	Norwood	21	6	..	..	5	2	2	1	1	..	10	10	10	10	..	..	2	15	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	.....				
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	28	2	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	10	10	10	10	..	..	7	76	50	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Encon'g	None
370	Cedar	Oshawa	65	4	4	4	4	4	..	2	..	..	10	10	10	10	..	..	20	160	00	June 24, '01	Satisfy	Yes	500 00	
313	Clementi	Lakfield	57	8	1	7	9	8	1	1	..	..	12	2	15	22	31	93	2	9	13	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	200 00			
325	Orono	Orono	32	2	1	2	1	9	9	11	15	5	00	11	47	50	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Yes	400 00				
374	Keene	Keene	29	2	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	12	2	14	11	25	25	5	40	00	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Yes	400 00
375	Lorne	Oronoe	38	1	..	..	5	3	4	..	..	..	9	3	12	9	5	00	17	250	00	June 24, '01	Fair	Yes	150 00
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	37	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	..	..	9	4	12	13	..	..	4	25	00	.....	Fair	Yes	300 00
406	The Spry	Fenelon Falls ..	47	5	..	..	5	3	3	3	3	3	4	9	5	14	8	10	00	30	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	100 00			
408	Murray	Beaverton	43	6	..	..	4	2	2	..	..	..	11	1	12	14	..	..	..	30	00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	300 00
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	60	2	1	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	11	11	20	12	00	5	69	75	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Yes	400 00		
435	Havelock	Havelock	72	14	..	..	15	14	11	1	2	1	13	3	16	23	5	00	12	50	00	Feb. 8, '02	Fair	Good	400 00			
440	Arcadia	Minden	44	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	12	4	16	12	10	00	2	37	75	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Yes	150 00
U D	Somersville	Kinmount	28	14	13	9	1	1	9	12	21	14	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Yes	300 00

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 13.

I desire to most sincerely thank the brethren of this District for the honor conferred on me in electing me to the honorable position of D.D.G.M., to express the very great pleasure I have enjoyed during my official term, to gratefully acknowledge the kindness and courtesy that have everywhere been shown me while making my inspectoral visits, and to especially thank W. Bro. Watson, whom I appointed District Secretary, for valuable assistance so cheerfully given. Like my predecessors, I am able to state that the condition of Masonry in this District is favorable, one of the greatest drawbacks to a healthy condition, the non-payment of dues, is fast disappearing. As a remedy for this evil I would recommend the Lodges to select for Secretary a brother with well-known financial ability. In this District there are nineteen Lodges, and during the past year I have visited officially every Lodge once, and one Lodge twice. In most of the Lodges in which I saw the work of conferring degrees done, it was very well done; still, in most of the Lodges there is room for considerable improvement in the ritualistic work. Absolute verbal accuracy should be the ambition of every one who takes any part in the ritualistic work of the Lodge. Very few of us possess sufficient literary scholarship to permit of our changing the wording of the work without in some degree marring it. A great many Lodges attempt to do too much work at one meeting, and thus weary the listening brethren and do the work hurriedly. It would be better in such cases to call emergent meetings and thus have shorter meetings and more satisfactory work.

By-Laws.—Moirs Lodge, No. 11, submitted to me proposed by-laws for my consideration, which were forwarded to the Grand Secretary for approval by the Grand Master.

Dispensations.—Dispensations to attend divine service clothed in regalia were issued to Star in the East, No. 164; Golden Rule, No. 126, and Colborne, No. 91. Dispensation was also granted Golden Rule to attend coronation services.

Deaths.—The following deaths have been reported to me during the year: Samuel McElrath, Belleville Lodge, No. 123; John Twinecliff, Belleville Lodge, No. 123; M. M. Thompson, Belleville Lodge, No. 123; J. R. Milson and S. R. Knight, Belleville Lodge, No. 123; John Cunningham and Louis Koenigk, Trent Lodge, No. 38; Wm. Kerr, Madoc Lodge, No. 48.

Visits.—Tweed Lodge, No. 238: My first official visit was made to this Lodge on October 25, 1901. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Morrice, Bro. Connor, S.W., and Bro. Colling, J.W., of Madoc Lodge. There were no degrees conferred during this visit, but a very pleasant evening was spent. I paid Tweed Lodge a second visit May 16, 1902, accompanied by a number of Madoc brethren. The three degrees were conferred in a manner that reflected much credit on the Wardens and on the W.M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Davis. One difficulty that this Lodge has had to contend with in the past has been the collection of dues, but I am pleased to be able to state that the present Secretary, Bro. Geo. Murray, is solving the difficulty, and if properly supported Tweed Lodge will soon be in the enviable position of having no back dues.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69: Accompanied by Bros. Morrice, Colling and Moor, of Madoc Lodge, I visited this Lodge on the 31st of October. I was very much pleased to meet with R. W. Bros. Latimer and Shaw, P.D.D.G.M's of this District, who have done so much to improve the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District, and who still take an active interest in the cause. The prospects for Masonry are not very bright this year in Stirling Lodge owing, I believe, to some difficulty between the brethren, which I have good reasons to believe will soon pass away. They own their hall, which is paid for with the exception of about \$500.

After the Lodge closed we sat down to an excellent banquet, after which there followed a program of speeches and songs.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17: I visited this Lodge on the evening of November 19 in company with R. W. Bro. Lattimer and W. Bro. Morrice. The first degree was exemplified in a highly creditable manner by W. Bro. J. J. Kerr and his able staff of officers. The lecture on the tracing board was given in a clear and impressive manner. The Lodge is fortunate in having such a zealous and efficient Secretary as Bro. Buck. To him is due the credit of having collected all the hitherto large sum of back dues with the exception of about \$50.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18: My official visit here was on the 21st of November. The first and second degrees were conferred in a very excellent manner by W. Bro. Wright and his junior officers. The prospects of this Lodge are very bright, having so much work to do that it is necessary to call special meetings in order to keep up with it. The books of the Secretary, Bro. Smeaton, are a model of neatness, and the finances of the Lodge are in a healthy condition.

Lake Lodge, No. 215: Visited this Lodge November 25. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Stafford. W. Bro. Noxon, the W.M., conferred the second degree on his son. The work of the degree was very well done, but the W.M. seemed a little nervous. Doubtless a little more practice will cure this. The lecture of this degree was very well given by the J.W. The brethren have very comfortable quarters in their new hall, which was certainly much needed. Bro. Roblin is a good Secretary, and his books are neatly kept. The brethren of Lake Lodge entertain in right royal style, and we spent a very pleasant evening after the close of the business in the Lodge.

Percy Lodge, No. 161: On the 18th of December I visited this Lodge and was given a hearty reception by the brethren. There was no work exemplified. Percy Lodge is in good condition, and W. Bro. Humphries, the retiring Master, who has done so much for Masonry in Warkworth, expressed his confidence in the efficiency of the new staff of officers.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126: I visited this Lodge

December 20th and found the affairs of the Lodge in very good order. I feel confident that the officers elected for 1902 will acquit themselves creditably. W. Bro. Mulholland, the newly elected W.M., is the right man in the right place. The books of the Secretary, Bro. Dickson, are well kept. A very pleasant hour was spent at Bro. Shaw's restaurant after the Lodge had been closed.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48: This being my mother Lodge I attend its meetings as often as circumstances will permit, but I visited it officially December 27. Madoc is fortunate in having selected such an able staff of officers for 1902, and its prospects are bright for adding many new members to its ranks. Bro. Connor, W.M. for 1902, is a very enthusiastic and hard working Mason, and will do all in his power to further the best interests of the Lodge. The Wardens are capable and well fitted for their positions. It was with great regret that we learned that our able and efficient Secretary, Bro. Grey, could not see his way to act in that capacity any longer. The financial standing of this Lodge is excellent.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123: In company with W. Bro. Connor, of Madoc Lodge, I visited this Lodge January 22, 1902. We were well received and spent a very enjoyable evening. One initiation and two second degrees were conferred in a very correct manner by W. Bro. Clark, ably assisted by the newly-installed staff of junior officers. The Belleville Lodge is very fortunate in having so efficient a Secretary as Bro. Adams. His system of book-keeping is simply perfect, and he has the dues well collected.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50: Visited this Lodge January 17th, and was much pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Thornton and Stafford, besides visiting brethren from the surrounding Lodges. The only work done was the opening and closing, but the newly-installed officers did this in a satisfactory manner. The membership of this Lodge is not large, but what it lacks in numbers it makes up in quality. At the close of the Lodge a repast was served up to us, and a very pleasant evening was spent in speeches and song.

Franck Lodge, No. 127: This Lodge was visited by me January 20th. I was given a hearty reception by

the brethren. W. Bro. Ketcheson exemplified the work of the first degree in an exemplary manner. The prospects of this Lodge for a prosperous year are certainly bright. A more thorough system of book-keeping would be advisable.

Trent Lodge, No. 38: My visit at Trent Lodge, January 21st, was a very pleasant one, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to report Masonry here in a flourishing condition. The work of the officers of this Lodge is well done. Dr. Farley, the newly-elected W. M., initiated two candidates and passed two of the brethren. The work was done in a manner that gave pleasure to all present. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept. The prospects of Trent Lodge are bright. After the Lodge was closed a very pleasant hour was spent in the banqueting hall.

United Lodge, No. 29: I visited United Lodge, Brighton, on the 23rd of January, and was warmly received. The Lodge room is a credit to the Brighton brethren. Both it and the banquet hall are well and tastily furnished, and are the most convenient rooms that I have yet seen in the District. The officers of this Lodge are intelligent and well educated, and the Secretary's book-keeping is most thorough. There being no work on hand, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, after which a profitable hour was spent in the banqueting hall.

Craig Lodge, No. 401: Visited this Lodge February 4th. Owing to snow blockade and a concert the attendance was small. W. Bro. Rowland did his work well and gave the second degree satisfactorily. Finances good, dues well paid up, and the books properly kept.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164: I visited Star in the East Lodge on the 18th of February. The attendance was good, including a number of brethren from Picton and Lake Lodges. There was no work done, but the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner that would do credit to our best city Lodges. The books are well kept by the retiring Secretary, and I have no doubt that they will be well kept by his successor. At half-past ten o'clock the brethren assembled in the hotel dining-room, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

Moira Lodge, No. 11: Accompanied by several Madox brethren I visited Moira Lodge on the 19th of February. As this is Moira Lodge's jubilee year, the chairs have been filled with P.M.'s, and among the number we find some P.D.D.G.M.'s. R. W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Lazier, the W.M., does his work remarkably well, although it is over twenty years since he previously filled that position. Owing to the W.M. having a severe cold, the degree work of the second was done by W. Bro. Marsh, the I.P.M., and it was done in a very pleasing manner. Too much credit cannot be given to V. V. Bro. John Newton, the Secretary, for his labors on behalf of Moira Lodge in collecting and preserving everything that would likely prove of interest and value to the future historian of this Lodge. The hospitality of Moira Lodge is well known and always thoroughly enjoyed.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222: Quite a number of Madox brethren accompanied me when making my official visit to Marmora Lodge, April 15th. Owing to the absence of the W. M., Bro. Pearce (I cannot speak of his fitness for the position), W. Bro. Thomas Warren, who for seventeen years had not given any degree work, gave the initiation in a manner that, under the circumstances, was surprising. The Secretary's books are well kept, dues closely collected, and the prospects of the Lodge bright. After the Lodge closed we were hospitably entertained by the Marmora brethren.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91: On April 18th I made my official visit to Colborne Lodge and received a warm welcome. The brethren have added to their comfort by building a fine dining-room. The officers are efficient and painstaking. The work of the third degree was done in a manner that reflects credit on W. Bro. Mayhew and his officers. The Secretary, Bro. George Keyes, has held his present position for 32 years without being absent a single meeting, a record I should think unparalleled in the history of Ontario Freemasonry. Colborne Lodge is in a flourishing condition. After the Lodge was closed we sat down to a sumptuous repast, and the evening was spent in excellent speech and song.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283: Eureka was the last Lodge

officially visited by me. Visiting brethren from Colborne, Lake, Picton, Deseronto, Stirling and Madoc Lodges were present on this occasion. The degree work of initiation and passing was done by the W.M. W. Bro. Thompson, in a clear and impressive manner. He was ably assisted in the work by his junior officers. The lecture of the first degree was given in a manner which brought out fully its rhythmical cadences, beauty of sentiment and nobility of thought. Bro. Diamond's books are models of neatness. The dues are well collected and the Lodge's prospects are excellent. An elaborate banquet, patriotic and jovial songs, and able and instructive speeches brought to a close my last official visit and a very pleasant evening.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

C. H. TUMULTY, D.D.G.M.,

Prince Edward District, No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the Work done in Prince Edward District No. 13, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership	Degree's Conf'd	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Meet'gs held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
11	Moira	Belleville.....	160	4	6	9	7	9	2	1	4	7	...	2	13	1	35	148 20	39	\$ 135 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	\$4000 00
17	St. John's	Cobourg	78	3	1	3	3	2	3	2	13	...	1	13	1	14	20	65 00	37	100 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
18	Pr. Edward	Pictou	198	15	4	13	9	8	3	2	2	1	1	12	2	19	43	65 00	7	109 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	2500 00
29	United	Brighton	89	1	6	8	1	2	1	1	1	1	...	3	1	12	40	70 00	6	27 00	July 1, '01...	Good	Good	No	700 00
34	Trent	Trenton	81	12	7	11	8	4	1	4	...	...	...	1	4	15	20	140 00	20	100 00	June 24, '01	Good	Excellent	Yes	500 00
48	Madoc	Madoc	37	5	7	5	4	5	...	1	6	...	...	1	1	12	21	...	17	54 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
50	Consecon	Consecon	37	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	13	12	...	49	325 00	June 24, '01	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
69	Stirling	Stirling	63	5	...	2	3	2	1	3	5	...	...	1	1	13	17	...	7	31 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Very good	Yes	1200 00
91	Coborne	Coborne	95	9	5	5	6	7	1	2	...	...	...	5	1	2	31	45 00	27	120 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
123	Belleville	Belleville	152	1	4	9	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	13	13	65 00	12	40 00	Dec. 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	Joint
126	Golden Mile	Campbellford	46	6	...	3	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	13	28	...	6	38 00	Dec. 1901...	Poor	Fair	Yes	400 00
127	Frank	Frankford	77	5	2	5	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	13	14	...	13	33 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	...
161	Percy	Markworth	61	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	11	15	10 00	21	73 50	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Fair	No	...
164	Star in East	Wellington	56	1	5	1	1	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	1	6	15	6 00	10	50 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
215	Lake	Ameliesburg	60	2	3	2	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	1	13	20	70 00	4	50 00	Feb. 1902...	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
222	Marmora	Marmora	68	8	...	8	7	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	13	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
239	Tweed	Tweed	53	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	10	14	48 00	10	32 65	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	Joint
283	Eureka	Belleville	64	2	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	11	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
401	Craig	Deseronto	54	1	...	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	11	12	...	10	51 00	Dec. 31, '01	Good	Good	Yes	800 00

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master and
Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in Frontenac District, No. 14. In doing so, I feel that I must, in the first place, thank my brethren of Frontenac District for the high honor they conferred on me in placing me in the position I hold, not only in the ranks of Masonry, but in their confidence. I felt from the moment of my election to the office of D.D.G.M., and do to the present, the extremely difficult task I would be compelled to perform, in following so many brilliant Masonic lights as had preceded me. However, I have had nothing but kindness, forbearance and Masonic charity from my brethren of my District to report. I have to thank the W.M's and Secretaries of the different Lodges for the assistance they have rendered me during the year, a year of harmony and success throughout the District, with but very little exception. Harmony prevailing in all the Lodges, and success and growth in membership in nearly all. With one exception, that of Victoria, No. 299, Centreville, all seem to be in hopeful condition. I regret that I have felt it my duty to advise the brethren of Victoria Lodge to surrender their warrant, and the members to amalgamate with surrounding Lodges or remove to a neighboring village, Enterprise, where I think likely the Lodge might flourish. I have been asked for and made several rulings during the year, that I believe have been satisfactorily received. I have granted one dispensation during the year, viz., to Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth, to appear in Masonic clothing, in public procession, to attend divine service. I have received one complaint from Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island, against The Ancient St. Johns Lodge, No. 3, King-

ston, for initiating a candidate from within the jurisdiction of said Elysian Lodge. I am pleased to say that when I brought the matter to the notice of the brethren of The Ancient St. John's they did the honorable and Masonic act of acknowledging their mistake and paid over to the brethren of Elysian the initiation fee, so that good feeling prevails between the Lodges concerned. I have visited every Lodge in the District, and have been pleased with the manner in which the work has been done in all, and delighted in many instances. I had great pleasure in visiting a joint meeting of the Ancient St. John's, Minden and Cataragui Lodges, of Kingston, on the occasion of their receiving a visit from 35 members of Detroit Lodge, U.S.A., said Lodge exemplifying the work in the third degree. A most enjoyable and instructive time was enjoyed, I think, by all, the Canadian Masons being delighted with the representative appearance of the visiting brethren, and I think they (the visitors) departed, after being banqueted at the leading hotel of the city, very favorably impressed with their hosts. I have endeavored to discharge my duties, as they were presented to me, in a quiet unostentatious way, avoiding gush or display, I hope with satisfaction to my brethren, all of whom I shall ever remember with respect and gratitude.

Having taken so much space with these remarks, I will endeavor to be brief in referring to my official visits throughout the District.

The Ancient St. John's, No. 3: I visited The Ancient St. John's, No. 3, Kingston, on 5th December, 1901. It is needless to state that in visiting this Lodge I always expect a pleasant and profitable time, and am never disappointed. The Lodge being composed, to a large extent, of worshipful, right worshipful and most worshipful brethren, I was met by a large number of them and most cordially received. W. Bro. Jas. A. Minnes, W. M., ruling and guiding his Lodge in a very graceful and efficient manner. Work in the first degree was done by the W.M. and his officers in fine form. A very pleasing feature of the business of the evening was a presentation to the Lodges meeting in these rooms of a life-size portrait of M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, P.G.M., to grace the walls of the Lodge room, along with other

distinguished brethren. The election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year took place at this meeting. The Ancient St. John's has enjoyed a very prosperous year; 11 initiations. This is a Lodge from which Grand Lodge will draw many recruits.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston: I visited Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, accompanied by Bro. H. C. Smith, S.W. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh. It is always a pleasure for me to visit Cataraqui Lodge. I always meet genial and congenial brethren here, no matter what may be the occasion, but the pleasure of meeting on this, my official, was intensified by the pleasures accompanying the visit. R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, my illustrious predecessor, having so endeared himself with the brethren of the District by his faithful untiring zeal and labor, for the past two years, as D.D. G.M., in the interests of Masonry, it was decided by the District, unanimously, to present him with a suitable jewel. It was so arranged that the presentation should be made at this meeting, and the compliment was paid me of inviting me to make the presentation. It afforded me a great deal of pleasure in complying and making the presentation. After this being done, R. W. Bro. Shaw, in feeling and eloquent words, addressed the large and representative gathering of Masons on the purposes and principles of Masonry, and thanked the brethren of the District in feeling terms for their kindly remembrance of him. May his shadow never grow less, for he is a jolly good fellow. Another pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation of a P.M. jewel to W. Bro. T. W. Gibson, of Cataraqui Lodge in recognition of his esteemed services. The presentation was made by R. W. Bro. R. Hendry, Secretary of the Lodge, in a very felicitous and pleasing manner. The election of officers and general business concluded the work of the evening in the Lodge room. After work the fourth degree was duly performed in the adjoining refreshment room. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and I predict a long and prosperous future for Cataraqui, W. Bro. McNamee and his staff of officers having done their work well.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth: I made my official visit to Lorne Lodge, No. 404, on the evening of

27th December, and by previous invitation installed the officers for the ensuing year. This being my Lodge, but having removed from Tamworth, I felt that instead of visiting I was at home. Being intimately acquainted with the history of this Lodge from its inception, having worked for the institution of a Lodge in Tamworth for years, and having seen the fruits of my labors in this direction grow, mature and ripen, I feel gratified with the results. While Lorne does not boast of as large a number on its roll as some other Lodges, it does not take second place with any Lodge in the District as to efficiency or correctness in its work, always having been noted for this. Under the guidance of its present staff of officers, W. Bro. S. Gilmore, W.M.; Past W. Bro. Jas. Aylesworth, its veteran and incomparable Secretary, and other officers, it must flourish.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: I visited Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, on the 17th of February, Bro. H. C. Smith, S.W. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, accompanying me. Found a goodly number of the members in attendance, also several visiting brethren, one, Bro. Huffman, from North Dakota, U.S.A., was pleased to meet; W. Bro. Gilbert, W.M. of Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, also Bros. Arnay and Bond, of Sarnia Lodge. The roads being almost impassable, prevented many from attending that would otherwise have done so. W. Bro. John A. Redden, W.M. of the Lodge, on account of the absence of some of his officers, could not show to full extent the efficiency of his staff, but with the assistance of substitutes in some cases, opened and closed the Lodge in the several degrees creditably.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburg: I made my official visit to Prince of Wales Lodge on 19th of February. The roads were, on this date, almost impassable, but notwithstanding this, about 15 were in attendance, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. W. Bro. P. W. Brown, with a staff of efficient officers, opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. Prince of Wales Lodge enjoys the advantage of having on its roll two P.D.D.G.M's, viz., R.W. Bro. R. Longmore and R. W. Bro. George Anson Aylesworth, and V. W. Bro. M. I. Beeman, M. D., R. W. Bro. G. A. Aylesworth being its efficient Sec-

retary. The brethren own their own Lodge room, with drug store under it, for which they receive a good rent. After close of Lodge a splendid supper was served by Mrs. Stone.

Albion Lodge, No. 109: On the 21st of March I made my official visit to Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith, and was kindly greeted and warmly welcomed by the members, a goodly number being in attendance. Work in the first and third degrees was well done by W. Bro. Barstom, ably assisted by P. W. Bro. Lockhart and another Past Master, whose name has slipped from my mind. Albion Lodge is in a flourishing condition. R. W. Bro. F. S. Wartman, P.D.D.G.M., is a member of this Lodge, and the officers of the Lodge were installed by him at this meeting. After close of Lodge supper was served at Cook's Hotel.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: My official visit was made with this Lodge on the 24th of February. I was pleased to find, on my arrival at Odessa, that R. W. Bro. R. Longmore, P.D.D.G.M., was in town and intended visiting the Lodge. W. Bro. R. L. Gilbert, W.M., in the East. There being no work for the evening, the brethren occupied the time by asking a good many questions and desiring several rulings from your representative. All answers and rulings seemed to be satisfactory. R. W. Bro. Longmore addressed the brethren assembled in his racy and instructive manner. Bro. R. Bennet, Secretary of the Lodge, I find still discharging his duties in his usual good style. Bro. J. F. Aylesworth, who has held the office of Treasurer for thirty-one consecutive years, is still entrusted with the Lodge funds. After opening and closing in the several degrees in a very creditable manner, a very enjoyable meeting having been held, we felt happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: I had the pleasure of visiting Elysian Lodge, No. 212, on 3rd March. I found here a very interesting band of Masons. Situated as they are on the little island, with a membership of only 19, I felt that I had not had the pleasure, in all my Masonic experience, of meeting a more intelligent, energetic, and courageous body of Masons. W. Bro. John Kennedy, the W.M., P. W. Bro.

Thomas Lappen, the efficient Secretary, and all the brethren present seemed enthusiastic Masons. The fact of the majority of the members being seafaring men, and consequently the whole summer season away from home, I was pleased to find the Lodge in good form. I was pleased, but not surprised, to find that almost the whole membership held offices of trust and responsibility in their little community, such as captains, mates, engineers and foremen on the ships, and in the shops of the Calvin Company. There being no public house on the island I was delightfully entertained during my stay by W. Bro. Kennedy and his estimable wife. I shall long remember my pleasant visit.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston: I visited Mindes Lodge, No. 253, on the 4th of March. Was pleased to meet my old friend W. Bro. W. Mundell, W.M., and find the chair so gracefully and completely occupied by him. W. Bro. Mundell had work on in the first degree. I felt called upon to congratulate Bro. Mundell in the exceedingly good style and correct manner in which he and his excellent staff of officers did their work. There being no room for criticism, I have felt in visiting the different Lodges in the city of Kingston, that I was always visiting one and the same Lodge, and can scarcely separate them. Bro. Mundell informs me that the prospects of Mundell Lodge are encouraging.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201: I had the pleasure of making my official visit to Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque, March 18th. Was met at the station by W. Bro. Fred. J. Skinner, who made my stay in the town very agreeable and pleasant indeed. The brethren here have a beautiful Lodge room, with fine appointments and paraphernalia. There was a large attendance. I was received here, as at all other Lodges, in a very kind and loyal manner. There being work in the first degree, two initiations, I was delighted with the way W. Bro. Skinner and other officers of Leeds Lodge put on the work, it being done in perfect form. W. Bro. Skinner is a thorough and painstaking officer. The Lodge has acted wisely in retaining his services for another year. I was pained to see what I fear was a spirit of blackballism prevail in this Lodge, two highly respected candidates being rejected on the night of my visit, this

act bringing from the W.M. a very fitting rebuke. Let us, as Masons, avoid venting our spleen (personal) in the ballot box. Leeds Lodge is fortunate in the personal of their Secretary, W. Bro. W. Y. Boyd.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157: Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro, was visited by me on 19th of March. I was disappointed in not finding R. W. Bro. Preston, M.D., W.M., present, he having been called away to the city of Ottawa. However, I was pleased to meet my old friend, R. W. Bro. L. S. Lewis, present, who filled the gap and presided in his usual efficient manner. Work in the first degree was performed by R. W. Bro. Lewis in his painstaking and correct way. The work of opening and closing in the several degrees was well done. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance of members.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: I visited Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee, on the 18th of April. I was accompanied by Bro. H. C. Smith, S.W. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh. I found this Lodge in a flourishing condition, it having been fortunate in having for its efficient W.M. for several years past W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, K.C., and for its present, his worship W. Bro. G. F. Ruttan, Mayor, W.M. I found work in in the first and second degrees, one initiation and four passings, which was done by W. Bro. Ruttan, assisted by V. W. Bro. Jas. Walters and W. Bros. Herrington and Feinel in correct form. I did not observe any cause or need for criticism. Union Lodge is composed of the bone and sinew of Napanee, representative men from the Mayor down, and with a Secretary, Bro. W. H. Perry, second to none, under these circumstances Union must flourish.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299: On the 19th of April I paid my official visit to Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville. I regret that I am compelled to report that this Lodge, although in good financial circumstances, has lost interest in its work, having only had four meetings during the year, and they poorly attended. I have striven to induce the members to either surrender their warrant and amalgamate with surrounding Lodges, or remove to the village of Enterprise, five miles distant, where a Lodge might be maintained. At the time of

my visit there seemed to be a desire to strive to survive. I hope they may.

Westport Lodge, No. 441: I paid my official visit to Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport, on May 2nd. On account of this being a rainy evening, and the W. M., Bro. A. W. Gray, living at a distance of 12 or 13 miles from Westport, he was not in attendance. There was a good attendance, however, of good and representative Masons. W. Bro. R. Flegg, I.P.M., took the chair and presided, as only Bro. Flegg can. Work in the third degree was done in a most brilliant form. While other occupants of the chairs in other Lodges have done their work well, I have not seen any equal to W. Bro. Flegg's in the third degree. Westport Lodge should feel proud of such a competent officer. I was pleased to meet at this Lodge W. Bro. L. N. Phelps, of Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, St. Lawrence District No. 15. W. Bro. Phelps addressed the Lodge in his spicy and instructive manner. I found Westport Lodge in a flourishing condition.

In closing, I regret that I am called upon to mention the serious loss Masonry has sustained by the death of our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford. While we mourn so great a loss, let us feel grateful that our ranks are so well filled with so many able and competent brethren, who will safely guide the craft. I again thank the brethren for the confidence reposed in me in electing me to the high office of D.D.G.M., and for their kindness to me during the year.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. M. SMITH, D.D.G.M.,
Frontenac District, No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.		Degrees conf'd		Meetings held.	Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.									
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.		F. C.	M. M.									Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	
3	A. St. John	Kingston	149	9	13	11	9	3	3	1	2	1	1	2	10	3	13	22	\$71 00	4	\$ 48 25	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	\$1033 00
9	Union	Napanee	401	13	7	13	11	10	2	2	1	1	1	1	12	4	16	16	70 00	16	114 00	Dec. 30, '01	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
92	Cataract.	Kingston	135	7	11	9	9	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	12	6	30	30	70 00	30	114 00	Dec. 30, '01	Good	Bright	Yes	800 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	62	3	3	3	5	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	9	9	15	15	20 00	22	134 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Bright	Yes	800 00
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	28	2	3	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	10	10 00	4	10 00	June 24, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	150 00
146	Pr. of W'les	Newburgh	46	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	14	10	10	71 75	9	23 00	June 24, '02	Solvent	Fair	Yes	600 00
157	Simpson	Newboro	57	3	3	8	10	14	1	1	2	1	1	1	11	1	12	10	62 25	20	103 00	June 24, '02	A 1	Fair	Yes	500 00
201	Leeds	Gananoque	112	5	3	19	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	12	3	18	38	62 25	20	139 25	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
212	Elysian	Garden Island.	19	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	5	5	12	9	.....	6	12 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	600 00
228	Pr. Arthur.	Odessa	35	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	12	12	.....	9	17 00	Dec. 30, '01	Good	Good	Yes	.....
299	Victoria	Centreville	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	8	8	.....	30	100 00	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
353	Minden	Kingston	76	2	1	3	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	9	9	4	4	10 00	12	79 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	11	11	.....	7	69 90	June 24, '02	Fair	Fair	Yes	150 00
441	Westport.	Westport	31	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	13	14	14	.....	4	.....	July 7, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	200 00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Fifteenth Masonic District for the past year, and at the same time desire to express my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me a year ago when elected to this important and responsible office. As soon as possible after the confirmation of my election I placed myself in communication with every Lodge in this large District, for the purpose of securing their assistance in enabling me to visit a good proportion of the Lodges before the new year, and thus make certain that no Lodge would be neglected or remain unvisited at the close of my official term of office. For in a District as large as St. Lawrence District No. 15, which is nearly one hundred miles east and west, and thirty between north and south, the visiting of every Lodge entails considerable time and travel, and plans, however well laid, are liable to be changed and rendered impracticable; so that I deemed it necessary to get a good share of my work done in the first part of the year.

Owing to the inability of my predecessor to visit six Lodges in the District during his term of office, I was able to visit seven Lodges by December, and by so doing will enable my successor to continue on the same plan. Every Lodge in the District has been visited once, and some twice, and by a special effort I was able to visit all but three of the twenty-four on the nights of their regular meetings, thereby ensuring the very best attendance and the greatest possible interest in every meeting. In every part of the District I have been most hospitably received, and every kindness shown me that thoughtfulness could bestow, and all with two exceptions have voluntarily contributed in a liberal manner towards my expenses.

I am glad to report progress and prosperity in a marked degree throughout the whole District, and a splendid uniformity of work.

Seeing that the work was being so correctly given, I felt it more my duty to also impress on the officers of every Lodge the absolute necessity of a reverent and impressive delivery, and by so doing fix indelibly on the minds of the candidate and all brethren present the sacred dignity of Masonry, so that its beautiful teachings might sink deep into their hearts and be practised in every action of their lives.

Being in full accord with the expressed wish of the Board of General Purposes, that a Lodge of Instruction should be held in every District at least once a year, I held a Lodge of Instruction in the town of Brockville, under the auspices of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, and Salem Lodge, No. 368, on Tuesday, the 21st of January, beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and concluding with an evening session. R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, the Acting Grand Master, paid me the compliment of being present, and rendered much valuable assistance to the success of the meeting. The Entered Apprentice degree was beautifully exemplified by the officers of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, and the Fellowcraft degree by St. James' Lodge, No. 74, Bethel. In the evening the Master Mason's degree was put on in a perfect manner by the officers of Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, after which followed a discussion and consideration of the proper mode of examining visitors, and reception of distinguished brethren. The meetings were both extremely well attended, and have been productive of much good. The brethren of Sussex and Salem Lodges excelled themselves in rendering the entertainment of the visiting brethren complete.

Official Visits.—Sussex Lodge, No. 5: Visited a joint meeting of this Lodge and Salem Lodge, No. 369, Brockville, on April 21st. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and a candidate initiated, the work being up to the high standard of both Lodges. Masonry is in a flourishing condition in Brockville, and both Lodges work together with that harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons. The elaborate repast served in splendid style at the close of

the work again showed the unbounded hospitality of the Brockville brethren.

True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth: Visited this Lodge on March 20th. The attendance was good, and the W.M., W. Bro. MacMartin, conferred the third degree in a most complete and satisfactory manner. The Lodge is one of the oldest in the District, and has records and relics dating back over a century, and is altogether a strong and progressive Lodge, but the arrearage of dues has been allowed to become altogether too great. A special effort is about to be made to remedy this evil. As there are a large number of dimitted and unaffiliated Masons in the town, I urged the brethren to try and get them back into active membership.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls: Visited this Lodge on March 24th. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, among the latter being R. W. Bro. Watchorn, V. W. Bro. Magee, and others from Merrickville and surrounding Lodges. This Lodge is noted for its correct and impressive manner of doing the work, and the initiation and passing done this evening was fully up to its high record. The officers are all very active and energetic in their respective work, and are greatly aided by their efficient and well-posted Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston. The prospects of this Lodge are very bright.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville: Visited this Lodge March 29th. There was a good attendance, and work in the second degree was expected, but the brother for advancement not being present, R. W. Bro. Bascom acted as substitute, and the work was exemplified in a very nice manner. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, with good prospects in every way, and I was much pleased to again meet R. W. Bro. Bascom.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville: Visited this Lodge on March 18th. Attendance 25. Work of initiation and opening in the three degrees was well and impressively done by W. Bro. Postlewaithe. This is a beautiful and well equipped Lodge room, and the members take great pride and pleasure in it. The books are under the care of the energetic V. W. Bro. G. B. Magee, and are of necessity well kept and dues promptly paid. My visit to this Lodge was very enjoyable, and

made especially pleasant by the kindness of R. W. Bro. R. Watchorn, V. W. Bro. Magee, and the W.M.

St. James' Lodge, No. 74, Bethel: Visited this Lodge November 25th. It was with much pleasure that I visited this Lodge, and although it was a very stormy night the attendance was good, every officer being in his place. This Lodge is in a very healthy state, and for a country Lodge its equal can hardly be found, but owing to having had very little work for the past few months, the officers were rather rusty and not up to their usual standard. At the conclusion of the work of the evening a very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall, the brethren of St. James' Lodge being noted for their hospitality.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens: Visited this Lodge April 17th, and there being no work for the evening, the Lodge was opened in the three degrees. The W.M. is very careful in his work, but does not receive the assistance that he should from the older members, and the general interest in the welfare of the Lodge is not as active as it would otherwise be. A large amount of arrearage in dues appears on the books, but a strong effort is being made to have this weakness remedied. With these exceptions the Lodge is doing well.

Central Lodge, No. 10, Prescott: Visited this Lodge April 1st. The attendance was very good, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, and the work of initiation and passing was very well done, and fully up to the high record of this Lodge. The officers are all well up in their work, and enthusiastic in the work and welfare of the Lodge. The books, under the care of their excellent Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. H. Wells, are models of neatness, and the dues are carefully looked after. Central Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and with plenty of good material coming in.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: Visited this Lodge May 7th. The work for the evening was one initiation and one passing, and was put on in the usual excellent manner, for which this Lodge is already famed. In the matter of prompt payment of dues, this is the banner Lodge of the District, and this fact is without doubt due to the energetic services of W. Bro. Ridley, whose books are perfect in every particular. My visit

to this Lodge was very enjoyable, and was made especially so by the kindness of W. Bros. Bisset, Fraid and MacHaffie.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: Visited this Lodge on May 16th, being met at the station by the W. M. There was a good attendance, and the work of initiation and passing was very well done. The W.M., W. Bro. H. B. Ford, has the active assistance of W. Bro. Pruner and W. Bro. Kennedy, and the brethren are all working with that harmony which is very pleasing, and will make the continued success of the Lodge a certainty. The books are well kept by the careful Secretary, Bro. John Warren, and the matter of dues is also well attended to. My reception and entertainment by the brethren of Excelsior Lodge was extremely hospitable, and the elaborate banquet provided at Bro. McDonald's hotel could not have been excelled, and was very much enjoyed by all.

Friendly Brothers' Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: Visited this Lodge on May 21st. There was a fairly good attendance, and the work of the evening, an initiation, was done in an excellent manner, W. Bro. Parlow having the assistance of a splendid staff of officers, and on this occasion the J.W. had the opportunity of showing the exceptional manner in which he is capable of doing his work. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and with good prospects for its continuance, and my visit was made very pleasant and enjoyable.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: Visited this Lodge May 8th. Owing to bad weather and other reasons the attendance was very small, and I regretted very much that the W.M., R.W. Bro. A. D. Cameron, was unable to attend, and also that the S.W. was not present. Under such circumstances I was unable to judge the proficiency of the officers, but feel certain that they are all well up in their work, as they have had plenty of it to do during the past year. The books are well kept and the dues fairly well paid up.

Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown: Visited this Lodge on September 23. The work of initiation was well done, and the books are carefully and properly kept. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition, having just recently cleared the debt on Lodge room. On this occa-

sion the members of the Lodge were bidding farewell to one of its members, in the person of Bro. Dr. Claude Wood, who was soon to take his departure for India to resume his work as medical missionary under the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the brethren presenting the doctor with a fine Masonic ring. The whole evening was a most pleasant and profitable one to the large number present.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256. Aultsville: I officially visited this Lodge September 25th, to be present and hear the discussion on the motion, of which notice had been duly given, to change the place of meeting from Farran's Point to Aultsville, and after listening to a full discussion of the matter, was firmly convinced that it would be in the best interests of Masonry, and of this Lodge, that the change should be made, and gave my decision accordingly, which was afterwards confirmed by the M.W. the Acting Grand Master. There were two candidates initiated this evening, and the work of the Master was beyond criticism, but that of the other officers was very poor. The lecture on the tracing board was given by the energetic Secretary, W. Bro. Haynes, in an exceptionally fine and impressive manner. The books of the Lodge also show his careful attention to his duties. This Lodge has been in a dormant state for some time, but with the renewed enthusiasm now shown by some of its members, should enter on a new era of prosperity.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320. Chesterville: Visited this Lodge on May 19th. There was a good attendance, and the work in the third degree was fairly well done, but would have been much improved had the Senior and Junior Wardens been present and well posted in their respective parts. In the matter of dues this Lodge is sadly in arrears, there being the large amount of \$236 unpaid at the time of my visit. I called the attention of the W.M. and Secretary to the great danger attending such a condition, and was assured that prompt and active steps would be taken to remedy this evil. The books are well kept by Bro. A. M. Fulton, being elected last December to the position of Secretary, which was ably filled for so many years by the veteran, V. W. Bro. James G. Gillespie, whom I was much

pleased to meet and find looking so hale and hearty. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and it is to be hoped that they will soon carry out their intention of securing a more suitable Lodge room and furnish it in a manner which their finances are so well able to permit.

Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: See joint meeting of Sussex and Salem Lodges, April 21st.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta: Visited this Lodge on April 16th. This is a prosperous Lodge, with one of the finest and best furnished Lodge rooms in the District. The W.M. receives the active support of several of the old Past Masters, and the work of the evening was well done. The work of the Secretary is also well attended to, and the Lodge is, of course, in a prosperous condition.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: At the request of the W.M. I officially visited this Lodge at its regular meeting, December 3rd. There were sixteen members present, and the Lodge was opened in the three degrees, one candidate being raised and one initiated, the work being fairly well done, the work of the Wardens not being up to the mark. The Secretary's work is well done and the books of the Lodge carefully kept. The Lodge is in a good state financially, and with prospects of a large number of new members, and whilst the Lodge room is not what it should be, the members are fully alive to the necessity of procuring larger and better equipped rooms, and already have in view the securing of proper accommodation. Winchester is a solid and substantial town, composed of people of the same characteristics, and should have a beautiful Masonic Lodge room.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne: Visited this Lodge December 19th. The work of the evening consists of two raisings and election of officers. The W.M. was rather rusty in his work, and the assistance given by the other officers very poor. There seems to be a great lack of interest on the part of the members, and the management and welfare of the Lodge left entirely in the hands of the W.M. This should not be, and we trust that all the members will take a renewed interest during the ensuing year.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta: Visited this Lodge November 20th, accompanied by Bro. W. D. Sharpe, and driving the distance of eighteen miles. This Lodge has been in a dormant state for some months, with difficulty in getting a quorum for meetings owing to lack of harmony among some of the brethren, but there are some enthusiastic members who should be able with earnest effort to put the Lodge in a flourishing state and commence a new era of prosperity. There being no work on, the W.M. opened in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept, but show a much too large arrearage of dues, which might be greatly remedied if the brethren were to adopt the custom of paying dues semi-annually. The Masonic hall is large and commodious, with a fine banqueting hall, and is nearly free from all incumbrance.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn: I made my official visit to this, my mother Lodge, May 20th. There was a large attendance, many visiting brethren being present from Macoy Lodge, Mallorytown, and Rising Sun Lodge, Athens. The work of the evening, an initiation, was done in a very creditable manner by the W.M., W. Bro. Lee, and the J.W., Bro. C. H. Daley, made his lecture very impressive. This Lodge is doing good work and has splendid prospects. A bountiful repast brought to a close a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville: Visited this Lodge on May 13th. There was a good attendance, and the work of opening in the three degrees and a passing was well done by W. Bro. A. P. Purvis, but the work of the other officers was rather below the average. This Lodge is now making steady and harmonious progress, and the prompt payment of dues would greatly improve their financial state, but otherwise the Lodge is in a prosperous condition and with a bright future. The elaborate banquet served in the lower hall brought to a close a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria: Visited this Lodge on May 12th. Owing to the recent death of the W.M., W. Bro. Reed, the I.P.M., W. Bro. John Simpson, occupied the chair and opened the Lodge in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. The

books in the hands of Bro. Herndon, are well and carefully kept. The brethren of Alexandria gave me a very kind and hearty reception, and the Lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition. With the addition of some suitable furniture, the brethren could have a very pleasant and comfortable Masonic home in the hall which they now occupy, and would also add very much to induce good Lodge attendance and increase the membership.

Avonmore Lodge, U.D., Avonmore: On September 26th visited Avonmore for the purpose of starting a Lodge, in accordance with a dispensation granted by Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication at Hamilton. There was a good attendance of the petitioners and also visiting brethren from Maxville and Chesterville, and in due form the Lodge was properly instituted, with Bro. Dr. Whittaker as Master, and a very efficient staff of officers under him. This Lodge begins with very good prospects, and with plenty of good material on all sides with which to grow and prosper.

Deaths.—During the year I have received notice of the following deaths: R. W. Bro. A. Orton, P.D.D.G. M. of Georgian District No. 9, buried with Masonic honors at Cornwall, Tuesday, 21st January; W. Bro. A. D. Wagner, P.M. of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, buried February 25th; Bro. T. Merrick, of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, buried September 10th; Bro. Geo. A. Guy, of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, buried November 3rd; W. Bro. J. D. Smith, Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, buried November 18th; Bro. Alex. Stallmeyer, Chester-ville Lodge, No. 320, buried June 22nd.

Dispensations.—I have granted the following dispensations: To Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, to appear in public procession, October 15th, on the occasion of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York to the town of Brockville; to instal officers of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, December 31st; True Britons' Lodge, No. 14, Perth, to attend divine service June 29th; Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, to attend divine service June 22nd; Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall, to attend divine service June 22nd; Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown, to attend divine service June 26th.

In conclusion I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the great kindness and hospitality shown me throughout every portion of the District, and the memory of the thoughtful courtesy and pleasant hours will never be forgotten by me. Trusting that in some manner, however small, I have succeeded in inspiring the brethren to renewed zeal in practising those virtues which we all profess to admire.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. E. CUMMING, D.D.G.M.,
St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.	Degree's conf'd			Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
				Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	E. A.										
5	Sussex	Brockville	148	2	5	6	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	True Brit's	Perth	92	4	4	4	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	119	8	10	9	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	40	6	5	5	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	Merrickv'e	Merrickville	61	4	2	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
74	St. James	Bethel	47	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
85	Rising Sun	Athens	62	2	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
110	Central	Prescott	94	5	10	9	10	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
125	Corwall	Cornwall	84	6	8	6	5	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
142	Excelsion	Morrisburgh	58	3	3	6	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
143	Friendly B.	Iroquois	86	...	4	3	3	1	4	3	8	...	...	...	...	...
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	62	7	6	8	9	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
232	Macy	Mallorytown	68	4	5	5	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
242	Macy	Mallorytown	68	4	5	5	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
256	Farran's P.	Aultsville	54	9	21	6	4	3	2	18	2	...	...	...	...	...
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	90	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
368	Salem	Brockville	97	9	7	5	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
370	Harmony	Delta	64	1	2	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
383	Henderson	Winchester	66	14	14	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
387	Langdowne	N. Augusta	20	3	1	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
389	Crystal F'n	N. Augusta	39	3	1	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
416	Lyn	Lyn	28	4	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
418	Maxwell	Maxville	62	4	1	4	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	24	...	10	7	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
439	Avonmore	Avonmore	24	...	10	7	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Ottawa District, No. 16.

The brethren of this District having selected me to fill the honorable position of D.D.G.M. at the last meeting of Grand Lodge held in the city of Hamilton, I wish to express to them my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me and for the many acts of kindness which I received at the hands of the officers and members of all the Lodges in the District on the occasion of my official visits.

My first official act was the issuing of a circular requesting the different Lodges to contribute their proportion towards the purchase of a D.D.G.M. regalia, which was in every instance cheerfully responded to. My next official act was to request the W.M.'s to see that the notice of each meeting was sent to me, as required by Constitution, and which I am pleased to state was well attended to.

I appointed the Rev. Bro. J. McLaren, of the city of Ottawa, District Chaplain.

The District contains nineteen Lodges, and I have officially visited all the Lodges, some of them the second time, and in nearly every case they were well attended, and I am pleased to report that the condition of Masonry in this District is prosperous and the work is being done in a uniform manner.

Visits.—St. John's Lodge, No. 21a: Visited this Lodge on the 24th September. Was accompanied by W. Bro. W. A. Chamberlain. There was a good attendance at this meeting. The work was the second degree and was very well done, the officers and all well up in their work. The lecture on the tracing board was

given by Bro. Robeson, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, in a very impressive manner. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. E. A. Johnson, P.D.D.G.M., at this meeting. Hawkesbury Lodge has drawn from this Lodge very largely, but the members feel very hopeful. W. Bro. S. N. Morrison, the W.M., is being ably assisted by W. Bro. H. C. Jones, who takes an active interest in the Lodge. W. Bros. Dr. Metcalfe and Fitzpatrick are also taking a great interest. The Secretary's books are very neatly kept. After the Lodge closed we adjourned to the hotel, where a supper was provided and a short time was very pleasantly spent. The prospects of this Lodge are growing brighter.

Hawkesbury Lodge (under dispensation). Visited this Lodge on the 25th September. Had a cordial reception from officers and members. The second degree was conferred and was well exemplified by the W.M., W. Bro. McWaters, and his officers. The lecture on the tracing board by Senior Warden Bro. Hall, was particularly well done. There was a good attendance at this meeting, some of the brethren coming from a distance. Officers and members take a great interest in the Lodge, which is made up of an exceptionally bright lot of Masons. I bespeak a bright future for this Lodge. The Secretary's books are neatly and well kept. After the Lodge closed down we were entertained to a very sumptuous repast and a pleasant hour was spent in speech and song.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior: I visited this Lodge on the 11th November. Had a very cordial welcome from officers and members. The work of the evening was a second and third degree, which was exemplified in a very impressive manner by the W.M., R. W. Bro. A. Hood, and his officers. The Secretary's books are well kept. This is one of the progressive Lodges of the District. They have a beautiful Lodge room, well fitted up, and a steady growing membership. The Lodge is prosperous.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: I visited this Lodge on the 13th November and was well received by the officers and members. Although a very stormy night, yet there was a large attendance. The work, being the first and third degrees, was well exemplified.

The W.M. and his officers are well up in their work. I was pleased to see that the Past Masters take a lively interest in the work. W. Bros. Frank Donald, Dr. Preston and Dr. Gorrell were present and assisted in the work. I am informed that W. Bro. Dr. Gorrell, although living about eight miles from the Lodge, is one of the most regular attendants and takes an active interest in the Lodge. The Secretary, Bro. Hudson, is a very efficient officer. His books are neatly and correctly kept. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: I visited this Lodge on the 20th November and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. H. P. MacDonald and Bro. Anderson, Senior Warden of Chaudiere Lodge, Ottawa. There was not a very large attendance at this meeting on account of the bad roads, many of the brethren having to travel long distances, in some instances twenty miles. The first and third degrees were exemplified in a satisfactory manner, the W.M. doing his work fairly well. The Senior and Junior Wardens being absent, I could not judge of their proficiency in the work. In their absence, R. W. Bro. MacDonald and Bro. Anderson occupied the chairs. The W.M., W. Bro. Pratt, is a painstaking officer, and attends to the work at a great deal of inconvenience to himself, living about eight miles from the Lodge. This is supposed to be one of the weakest Lodges in the District. I pointed out to them some deficiencies I saw and showed them a way to remedy it and I hope to see an improvement at my next visit. W. Bro. Hugh Reilly, a veteran Past Master, and Secretary of the Lodge, keeps the books in good shape. He is a very enthusiastic Mason, and travels twenty miles to attend Lodge meeting.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: On the 27th December, by request, I paid another visit to this Lodge for the purpose of installing the officers. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Stephens, of Ottawa, P.D.D. G.M. There were a large number of members at the meeting. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Dr. Gorrell in the East. The work was exceptionally well done, and, as on my previous visit, was well pleased with the perfect manner in which the work was done. After the installation ceremonies were completed we ad-

journed to the Mississippi Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided by Bro. McIlquham, and a short time was pleasantly passed.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the third of January. I had a warm welcome from the officers and members. The third degree was exemplified and was very correctly done. The W.M. and his officers are all well up in their work. At this meeting I installed the officers of the Lodge, and from the manner in which the newly installed officers did their work, the Lodge is in safe hands. A pleasant feature of this meeting was the presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel and address to the retiring W.M., W. Bro. Dodds. There was a large attendance at this meeting. After the Lodge closed a pleasant time was spent at the supper table. Bro. W. S. Boyd makes a very painstaking Secretary. The books are well kept and fit for inspection. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew: I visited this Lodge on the 6th of January and was cordially received by W. Bro. Airth, officers and members. There being no work on hand, the W.M., by my request, opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees, which was correctly done. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Barr and W. A. McKay, P.D.D.G.M.'s, and members of the Lodge. Bro. M. McKinnon, the Secretary, makes a good officer and keeps his books in good shape. This Lodge is in a very healthy and prosperous condition. After the Lodge was closed down we adjourned to the supper table and a very pleasant hour was spent. The good old Scotch songs were much in evidence.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: I made my official visit to this Lodge on the 7th January. There being no degree work, I requested the W.M., W. Bro. Buff, to open and close the Lodge in the three degrees, which was very correctly done. There was a small attendance at this meeting, owing to the large number of brethren being absent from the town at this season of the year. The prospects of this Lodge at the present time do not appear very bright, but I understand that a railway is to be built through here shortly which will very much help it. W. Bro. W. A. Fields is a model

Secretary, his books being what they should be, neat and correctly kept.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the 24th January and had a cordial reception from W. Bro. W. J. McCoy, officers and members. There was a large attendance at this meeting, the following distinguished brethren being present: R. W. Bros. David Taylor, William Rea, R. W. Stephens, H. P. MacDonell, John Walsh and J. D. Clark, and a number of the W.M's and P.M's of the city Lodges. The second degree was conferred on two candidates; the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. John Wilson, exemplifying the work in a very correct manner, all the officers doing their work very correctly. The floor work was exceedingly well done. This Lodge, under its present officers, is making good progress and has a bright future before it. The Secretary, W. Bro. Wright, is a very painstaking officer. His books are a model of neatness and businesslike ability. After the Lodge closed we adjourned to the banquet room, where a very enjoyable time was spent.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa: I visited this Lodge on the 5th of February and was well received by the officers and members. There were two candidates initiated and one third degree conferred. The work ent and assisted in the work, and takes a lively interest was correctly done. W. Bro. Dr. Haentschell was present in the affairs of the Lodge. The lecture on the tracing board by the Junior Warden was particularly well done. The Secretary's books are very neatly kept. The prospects for this Lodge seem brighter. After closing, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very pleasant time was spent.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the 6th February and had a pleasant reception from officers and members. There was a large attendance at this meeting. The third degree was conferred on Bro. Mackie, a member of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, who served in South Africa, the work being well exemplified by the W.M., W. Bro. R. Ross, ably assisted by his officers. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt and Dr. Josephs, P.D.D.G.M's, members of this Lodge, who take a very

active interest in the work of the Lodge. Bro. D. W. Campbell makes a good Secretary. His books are a model of neatness. This Lodge is sound and prosperous. At the close of the Lodge refreshments were served in a room adjoining, where a short time was agreeably spent.

On the 12th of February I held a Lodge of Instruction in the room of St. John's, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill. The first and second degrees were exemplified by the officers of St. John's, No. 21a, and Hawkesbury Lodges, and the third degree by the officers of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, and St. John's, No. 21a, and Hawkesbury Lodges. The work was well exemplified, the brethren taking great interest in the work. The examination of the visitor by V. W. Bro. John Smith and W. Bro. H. C. Jones, was done in a very pleasing and instructive manner, the brethren showing their interest by the number of questions asked, which I endeavored, to the best of my ability, to answer and explain. There was a fair attendance at the meeting, although there were bad roads and stormy weather. I have no doubt but this meeting for instruction will prove a great benefit to the three Lodges, particularly as a great many of the minor details of the work were brought out and explained.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the 25th February and had a cordial welcome from W. Bro. W. M. Ross, officers and members. There was a good attendance at this meeting. The work was the first and second degrees, which were well exemplified. Among those present were R. W. Bros. William Rea, R. W. Stephens and Geo. S. May, and a number of the Worshipful Masters of the city Lodges. There is a marked improvement in this Lodge. The Secretary's books are in proper shape.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge on the 11th of March and was very cordially received by the officers and members. There was a good attendance at this meeting. The work was the third degree, which was very correctly done, W. Bro. Echlin, M.D., and his officers doing the work in a very pleasing and impressive manner. I examined the books of the Lodge, and Bro. H. O. Hewit, the Secretary, and R. W.

Bro. J. Walsh, Treasurer, deserve a great deal of praise for the neat and businesslike manner in which the books of the Lodge and accounts are kept. This is one of the most progressive Lodges in the District. At the close of the work the Lodge was called off for refreshments, and a very pleasant time was spent around the festive board in speech, song and recitation.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa: I officially visited this Lodge on the 4th April. There was a fair attendance at this meeting. The work for the evening was the third degree, W. Bro. Greenfield, the W.M., and his officers doing the work very correctly. Bro. R. O. Croll, the Secretary, makes an efficient officer. His books are in proper shape. There has been a slight difficulty in this Lodge lately owing to the too free use of the black ball, otherwise the Lodge is in good condition and prosperous.

Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa: I made my official visit to this Lodge on the 11th April and had a warm and cordial welcome from the W.M., W. Bro. MacCracken, officers and members. There was a large attendance at this meeting, among those present being R. W. Bros. David Taylor, William Rae, John Walsh, His Worship Fred. Cook, Mayor of Ottawa; H. P. MacDonell, J. D. Clarke and E. B. Butterworth, and a number of the W.M.'s and Past Masters of the city Lodges. The work for the evening was three initiations. The W.M. was assisted by W. Bro. Hooper, I.P.M., and was ably assisted by his officers, the work being done in an almost perfect manner. The lecture on the tracing board by the Junior Warden, Bro. J. Bingham, was exceptionally well done. The Lodge books are very neatly and correctly kept. W. Bro. Cairns is a very painstaking Secretary. After Lodge was closed an adjournment was made to the dining-room, and a very pleasant time was spent.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge on the 6th of May. There was a fair attendance at this meeting. Two candidates were initiated, which work was fairly well done. The lecture on the tracing board by the Junior Warden, Bro. J. R. Reid, was not up to the mark. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept. W. Bro. Scott is a very zealous officer.

Besides a number of W. Masters and Past Masters of the city Lodges, there were present R. W. Bros. William Rea, Geo. S. May, J. D. Clarke and E. D. Parlow. Before the Lodge closed the privilege was given to the visiting brethren to say a few words, which was taken advantage of by the Rev. Bro. J. McLaren, District Chaplain; Rev. Bro. Sills, and V. W. Bro. J. D. Clarke, and a short time was then spent in a pleasant manner. This Lodge is in a strong and flourishing condition. Since my visit to this Lodge it has suffered a severe loss in the death of R. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow. He was an enthusiastic mason, and took a great interest in the prosperity of the Lodge.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet: I officially visited this Lodge on the 19th May, and had a very cordial welcome from officers and members. There was a good attendance at this meeting. A candidate was passed to the second degree, W. Bro. M. W. Shepherd, the W.M., and his officers doing this work in a very impressive and faultless manner. This being my Mother Lodge, I have had opportunities of seeing the work done in the different degrees. The W. M. is enthusiastic and takes great interest in the prosperity of the Lodge. W. Bro. Chamberlain makes a model Secretary. His books are neat and well kept, and he never misses a meeting. V. W. Bro. John Smith, Treasurer, also takes a great interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and is always on hand to assist in any duty that may be assigned him. V. W. Bro. Henry Smith, although well advanced in years, and one of the oldest Past Masters of the Lodge, still takes a lively interest in the work and is always ready to counsel and advise. There is a marked degree of prosperity of late years in this Lodge. It was decided at this meeting to hold church service in commemoration of the coronation of King Edward VII. After the Lodge was called off refreshments were served and a short time spent very pleasantly around the festive board.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the 20th May, and had a very cordial reception from officers and members. There was a good attendance at this meeting. A candidate was initiated, which work was performed in a very im-

pressive manner. The W.M. and officers are well up in their work. The floor work was exceptionally well done. W. Bro. Halliday, the W.M., makes a good presiding officer. R. W. Bro. William Rea is a member of this Lodge and takes a very active interest in the work. Besides a number of the W. Masters and Past Masters of the city Lodges there were present R. W. Bros. Rea, R. W. Stephens, J. D. Clarke and H. P. MacDonell. The books of the Secretary, Bro. Stewart, are neatly and correctly kept. The Lodge is in a healthy and prosperous condition. After the Lodge closed down the brethren were entertained to a very sumptuous repast in the banquet room, and with speech and song a very pleasant hour was spent.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: On the 21st May I paid a second visit to this Lodge. I was accompanied by R. W. Bros. R. W. Stephens and H. P. MacDonell, and had a very pleasant drive into the historic village. There was a fair attendance at this meeting of the brethren. Two candidates were initiated, and the work of the W.M. and Wardens was well exemplified, but there is room for improvement in the work of the assistant officers. The financial standing of the Lodge is good, and with W. Bro. Pratt, the W.M., and W. Bro. Hugh Reilly, the Secretary, at the head of affairs, there is no doubt but that Goodwood Lodge will prosper. There being a good many initiations in sight, the Lodge will have work right along during the summer months. At this meeting it was decided to have a church service, clothed in regalia, in commemoration of the coronation of King Edward VII.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville: I officially visited this Lodge on the 7th February, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burrirt, of Pembroke. There was a small attendance at this meeting, but had a very kind welcome from W. Bro. Morlok, officers and members. The W.M. stated that the reason for the small attendance was that at this season of the year a large number of the brethren were absent in the lumber camps. The third degree was conferred on a candidate, and was well exemplified. The W.M. and his officers have the work well up. By request, R. W. Bro. Burrirt gave his lecture on Masonry, which was well listened to. At the

conclusion of the work an adjournment was made to the supper table, and a short time was spent in a very pleasant manner. This Lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition.

Hawkesbury Lodge (U.D.), Hawkesbury: I paid a second visit to this Lodge on the 22nd May. Although a wet and stormy night, there was a fair attendance in the comfortable little Lodge room. A candidate was initiated, the work being well done. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. E. A. Johnson, P.D.D.G.M., other visiting brethren being R. W. Bro. Fraser, P.D.D.G.M., of St. Francis District, G.L., of Quebec, and W. Bro. M. W. Shepherd, W.M. of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186. Although only about twelve months organized, this Lodge has made great progress, and is now supplied with all the necessary regalia, working tools and other paraphernalia. The brethren are enthusiastic, and the large increase in membership speaks well for the future of the Lodge.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master approved of the by-laws of Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231.

The following dispensations have been granted by the R. W. the Acting Grand Master through me: Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, to install officers; Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, to elect officers; Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, to install officers; St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, to install officers; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, to hold an "at home"; St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, to elect and install; Civil Service Lodge, No. 184, to hold an "at home."

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bro. John McCarthy, member of Doric Lodge, No. 58; Bro. W. F. Pratt, M.D., member of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371; R. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow, P.D.D.G.M., and member of Dalhousie, No. 52.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the following Lodges: St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte; St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill.

The following dispensations have been issued by me allowing the brethren to attend divine service clothed as Masons: Greenwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte; Plantagenet Lodge,

No. 186, Plantagenet; Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew.

In conclusion, I cannot retire from the honorable position in which my brethren have placed me without tendering my sincere thanks to the following brethren who, by their counsel and advice, have greatly aided me, and for the encouragement received from them in the discharge of my duties: R. W. Bros. Wm. Rae, David Taylor, R. W. Stephens, James H. Burritt and H. P. MacDonell. I have also to acknowledge the obligation I am under to Rev. Bro. J. McLaren, District Chaplain. My official intercourse with the Grand Secretary has been of the most pleasant, and I sincerely thank him for the prompt manner in which my correspondence with him has been attended to, greatly helping me in my duties.

I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully and to the best of my ability, and if I have left anything undone I trust the brethren will charge it to my inexperience rather than to carelessness or neglect.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM FRANKLIN, D.D.G.M.,

Ottawa District, No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the Work done in Ottawa District No. 16, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership	Degree's Confr'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Meet'gs held.				Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief, in arrears.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.		
							E. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.											
21a	St. John's...	Vankleek Hill...	46	9	...	4	4	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	14	17	\$20 00	10	\$	20 00	June 24, '02	Good	Bright	Yes	\$ 500 00
52	Dalhousie...	Ottawa.....	140	...	...	5	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	14	26	229 90	45	...	360 00	June 24, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	113	7	1	5	6	7	2	1	2	1	...	...	2	10	3	23	30 00	28	...	248 75	June 1901...	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes
63	St. John's..	Carleton Place	136	10	...	10	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	5	18	30	50 00	18	...	100 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
122	Renfrew ...	Renfrew	108	4	...	3	3	2	3	2	13	1	14	25	100 00	10	...	73 50	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Excellent	Yes	300 00
128	Renfrew ...	Renfrew	135	10	1	9	8	7	1	1	1	13	...	13	27	10 00	21	...	287 00	Dec. 1901...	Good	Good	Yes	...
147	Mississippi	Pembroke	86	6	10	6	6	6	...	2	7	...	...	...	1	10	3	21	...	...	93	110 50	Feb. 7 ...	Good	Good	Yes	...
148	Civil Serv.	Ottawa.....	81	2	...	3	3	4	2	3	...	...	...	...	10	2	12	28	29 81	9	...	141 25	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Hill Bg.
159	Goodwood..	Richmond	70	7	...	7	5	5	...	6	2	...	...	...	8	...	14	...	...	30	...	370 90	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
177	Builders'...	Ottawa.....	131	13	12	9	6	4	3	1	4	...	...	...	4	10	2	10	182 00	32	...	465 99	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
186	Pantag'n't	Plantagenet ...	38	3	...	5	5	5	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	10	2	12	...	6	...	35 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Fair	Yes	...
196	Mad'aska	Arnprior	92	4	...	7	9	7	4	1	2	6	...	...	13	6	19	26	29 00	14	...	151 75	Dec. 24, '01	Good	Bright	Yes	700 00
209	Evergreen..	Lanark.....	46	3	...	2	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	10	9	10 00	15	...	14 00	June 24, '02	Low	Fair	Yes	200 00
231	Fidelity ...	Ottawa.....	119	14	...	12	13	17	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	10	3	30	68 25	11	...	271 27	June 24, '02	Good	Bright	Yes	100 00
264	Chaudiere..	Ottawa.....	118	...	...	4	4	4	5	...	3	7	...	...	11	...	11	21	116 37	21	...	223 65	June 25, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	Hill Bg.
371	Pr. of Wales	Ottawa.....	80	8	4	11	11	9	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	10	2	12	85 00	19	...	226 00	June 30, '02	Good	Good	Yes	Hill Cm
405	Mattawa...	Mattawa.....	81	4	...	6	6	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	14	2	16	35 00	24	...	142 15	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
433	Bonnech're	Eganville	47	8	1	8	6	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	4	17	15	...	2	...	46 00	Jan. 31, '02	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
U D	Hawkesb'y.	Hawkesbury ..	39	23	...	15	10	9	8	13	10	23	11	5 00	Good	Good	Yes	150 00

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

*To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Algoma District, No. 17, during the past year.

To the brethren of this District I express my heartfelt thanks for the honor which they conferred upon me in electing me to the important position of D.D.G.M. of this District, but still more for the hearty and welcome reception extended to me throughout the District upon all my official visits. I have endeavored to perform the duties of that high office to the best of my ability, and if I have failed in my Masonic duties I ask the brethren to give me the benefit of their Masonic charity, as I have endeavored to do my best in the interest of the Craft in general, and the 17th District in particular. Upon assuming office, my first official act was to appoint W. Bro. J. B. Way, Past Master of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, District Secretary. He being a skilled brother, was able to give me valuable service, and he has cheerfully performed every duty for which I have called upon him, and I would come short of my duty did I not gratefully acknowledge the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. A more zealous and expert brother it would be hard to find.

Dispensations.—During the year five dispensations have been granted, one to change the night of meeting, one to change the place of meeting, three to attend the funerals of deceased brethren, and also one granted to brethren of Fort William to form a new Lodge.

Owing to the great distances to cover the District, it is an impossibility to visit the Lodges on the regular night of meeting, and it becomes necessary to have emergent meetings, according to the time taken to make the

various points, and on that account I wish now to say that I regret very much that I was unable to visit Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances, although I am pleased to say that after making every enquiry while on my official visit in the west, they all spoke very highly of the work done in Granite Lodge, and also of the great harmony and good feeling that existed among the brethren of Fort Frances. In September I left for the western end of my District, but owing to a storm on Lake Superior our boat was delayed for two days, and I was unable to visit Fort William and Shun'ah Lodges the nights summoned for, so I arranged to have a joint meeting of these two Lodges at Fort William on my return from Rat Portage.

My first official visit was to Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, on September 19th, in Rat Portage, and as they have in this town three past D.D.G.M's, I may say I felt somewhat nervous, but after meeting my old friend, R. W. Bro. A. Moore, and a few more of the brethren, I felt very much at home. I had the pleasure of seeing the three degrees exemplified in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Warren and his officers.

On the 20th September I visited Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, and although it was a very stormy night, still there was a large attendance, and we were agreeably surprised upon opening that the brethren of Rat Portage had come over in a goodly number in a tug, per the kindness of Bro. Robertson. Keewatin Lodge deserves a great deal of credit for the way in which their officers do their work, which I had the pleasure of seeing in the three degrees, and also their bright cheery Lodge room.

On the 21st September I visited Lake of the Woods, and I may say that although it has the smallest membership, the interest in Masonry is none the less. W. Bro. Chapman occupied the East, and the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees without a mistake. The brethren of Rat Portage and Keewatin are very enthusiastic Masons both inside and outside of the Lodge. During last winter the Lodge room at Rat Portage was burned, and since then Pequonga Lodge has applied through me for a dispensation to Grand Lodge, which was granted, to hold their Masonic meetings in the Odd-fellows' hall. I was very sorry indeed to hear of these

two Lodges' loss by fire, and I trust it may not be long before I hear of thir having a nice new Lodge room.

As previously arranged on my going west, we had a joint meeting of Fort William and Shuniah Lodges in Port Arthur on the 23rd September, when the officers of Fort William opened in the first and second degrees, and owing to the absence of W. Bro. Shearer, R. W. Bro. Col. Ray occupied the East for Shuniah Lodge, which was opened in the third and severally closed in the third, second and first degrees. Both these Lodges do their work well, and I did not have cause to criticise, but on the contrary, owing to the great distances these two Lodges are from any other, I feel they should be commended for the good work done. As some of the brethren of Fort William had applied at the last meeting of Grand Lodge for a dispensation to form a new Lodge, but had been refused, and their again making application through me, I went into the matter thoroughly, and I recommended their application to the Acting Grand Master for a dispensation to hold Masonic meetings, which I am pleased to say was granted, and I am also pleased to add that since Royal Lodge, the name given to the new Lodge, received its dispensation, the work has been going on well, and such good accounts have been received by me of this new Lodge that I have no hesitation in recommending that at this meeting of Grand Lodge it be granted a warrant or charter.

In October I visited Dyment Lodge, No. 442, Thesalon, and was accompanied by R. W. Bros. W. H. Hearst and J. C. Boyd, W. Bros. J. B. Way and R. Roberts, and Bros. T. Thompson, J. McPhail and J. T. Cameron. As this is the home of the present Grand Junior Warden, A. E. Dyment, and being accompanied by so many of the brethren of Keystone, it was a great inspiration to Dyment Lodge. W. Bro. R. Cade occupied the East, and we had the pleasure of witnessing the third degree conferred upon a candidate, which was exceedingly well done. This is one of the brightest Lodges in the District.

In November I visited Keystone Lodge. Being my own, I feel a little modest in expressing my opinion of the quality of Masonry in this Lodge, but will just say that Keystone has in its Master, W. Bro. R. Roberts, I

believe the most enthusiastic Mason in the Dominion, one who resides some twelve miles from the Lodge room, and who very frequently has to walk the whole distance to attend meetings.

I wish just here to say that I thank the brethren of Keystone Lodge for the big reception which they gave me on my official visit, and for the very kind things that were said of me during that occasion.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. H. KNIGHT, D.D.G.M.,

Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Nipissing District, No 18, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1902.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's			Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.		M. M.	Total.									Regular.	Emergent.
352	Granite ...	Parry Sound ...	71	7	19	5	4	1	10	3	13	21	42 50	Dec 27, '01	Excell'nt	Good	Yes	Yes
360	Muskoka ...	Bracebridge ...	58	5	8	8	8	1	10	1	11	19	57 10	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
376	Unity ...	Huntsville ...	92	8	7	8	6	3	2	10	4	14	65 00	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
409	Golden Ele	Gravenhurst..	42	2	5	4	3	1	1	11	2	13	63 90	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes
420	Nipissing...	North Bay ...	89	11	10	7	9	1	12	4	16	18	173 75	Jan. 13, '02	Excell'nt	Good	Yes	Yes
423	Strong ...	Sundridge ...	48	5	5	4	4	2	13	1	14	11	148 00	Dec 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
427	Nickel ...	Sudbury ...	96	10	8	9	9	2	11	5	16	15	116 00	June 24, '01	Good	Splendid	Yes	Yes
434	Algonquin.	Emisdale	50	6	12	7	2	1	14	3	17	14	65 50	Dec. 27, '01	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
443	Powassan.	Powassan ...	30	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	7	...	Dec. 27, '01	Fair	Fair	Yes	None
447	Sturgeon F	Sturgeon Falls	39	2	2	2	4	...	12	6	15	18	51 00	June 24, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	None
UD	Corona....	Burk's Falls ..	16	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	Fair	Good	Yes	None
UD	Doric.....	Little Current.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fair	Good	Yes	None

MESSAGE TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge desire to express to His Majesty the King their feeling of thankfulness that the Great Architect of the Universe has mercifully protected him through his late severe illness and has restored him to health, and their hope that His Majesty will be spared to receive in ancient form the divine gift of Coronation and to rule for many years over his loving and loyal subjects.

That the members of this Grand Lodge desire further to express their loving sympathy with and admiration for Her Majesty the Queen, whose conduct as queen, wife and mother has earned her the respect and affectionate attachment of her loving subjects in all parts of the Empire.

MESSAGE TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the Acting Grand Master be instructed to send a telegram to our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. J. J. Mason, expressing the regret of Grand Lodge at his absence from this Communication, and the hope that he may be restored to his usual health and vigor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Warrants, beg to make the following recommendations:

1. That Warrants be issued to:

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk, Georgian District No. 9.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury, Ottawa District No. 16.

Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount, Ontario District No. 12.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore, St. Lawrence District No. 15.

which the present contract was awarded) and report to the Board.

3rd. The Board further recommend that during the interim of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies, together with the Grand Secretary and R. W. Bro. Brodrick, be empowered to award the contract for the printing to the lowest bidder, everything else being equal.

4th. The Board recommend that the Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies and the Grand Secretary be empowered to procure the necessary standards for the use of Grand Lodge.

5th. The Board will endeavor to place the different reports to Grand Lodge (such as are deemed prudent to print at this time) in the hands of brethren as soon as possible after their submission thereto.

Fraternally submitted

JOHN S. DEWAR.

Chairman Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT:

The Board, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and certify to their correctness.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer and their receipt acknowledged by that officer; vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in that office.

The total receipts have been	\$25,341 45
The total expenditures have been.....	20,777 12

Receipts over expenditures	\$ 4,564 33
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The receipts last year were \$23,499.88, the increase this year being \$1,841.57. The receipts for the year just ended were the largest in the history of Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by Grand Lodge in July, 1900, the balance at the credit of the Asylum Fund has been transferred to the credit of the General Fund.

During the year Landed Banking & Loan Company debentures for the amount of \$10,000.00 matured, and the proceeds were re-invested in a debenture of the same company for a further period of five years, the rate of interest being 4 per cent., payable half yearly; and Western Canada Loan & Savings Company debentures to the amount of \$10,000.00 matured, the proceeds being invested in a five-year debenture of the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, the rate of interest being 4 per cent., payable half yearly.

The funds of Grand Lodge on May 31st, 1902, were as follows:

Brockville debentures, face value, at 4 per cent.....	3,000 00
Woodstock debentures, face value, at 6 per cent.....	7,000 00
Canada Central Loan & Savings Co. debentures, at 4 per cent.....	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, debentures at 4 per cent.....	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co., debentures at 4 per cent.....	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co., debentures at 4 per cent.....	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., debentures at 4 per cent.....	15,000 00
Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co., debentures at 4 per cent.....	10,000 00
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	\$85,000 00
Balance at credit of current account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 2nd June, 1902.....	\$17,912 94
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	\$102,912 94

We would recommend that the sum of \$8,000.00 be taken from the General Funds, and that the said amount be invested in proper securities.

The Board recommend payment of the following accounts:

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	\$ 100 00
Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals to 31st May, 1902.....	109 55
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals.....	600 00
General Masonic Relief Association, annual fee.....	130 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	50 00
E. Gardiner, for survey re Lodges 221 and 103 (see Proceedings 1901, page 305).....	30 00
Benevolent grants.....	12,005 00
The Committee on Printing and Supplies report that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommend their payment:	
McPherson & Drope, printing.....	\$ 506 50
The Copp, Clark Co., certificates, etc.....	606 50
A. C. Turnbull, stationery.....	80 96
R. Duncan & Co., binding, etc.....	13 40
The Spectator Printing Co., sundry printing (balance).....	1,000 28
Ambrose Kent & Sons, dedication implements.....	31 50
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	\$2,239 14

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Audit and Finance.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. S. May, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT :

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, beg to report that 306 application for relief have been received, and have been dealt with as follows :

148 applications from Local Boards of Relief, of which	
113 have been granted, amounting to.....	\$ 4,930 00
(5 applications have been refused.)	
158 applications from private Lodges, of which 153 have	
been granted, amounting to	6,460 00
(5 applications have been refused.)	
Special grants by Grand Lodge :	

Mrs. Wilson	\$150 00	
Mrs. Harington	150 00	
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00	
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00	675 00

Total amount of grants made at this annual communication.....	\$ 12,065 00
During the past year 8 interim grants have been made by the Chairman of the Committee and approved by the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, amounting to.....	280 00

Total grants made during the year..... \$ 12,345 00

In addition to the grants made by Grand Lodge as above shown, the amounts granted by private lodges for relief during the year, as shown in the tabulated statements furnished by the District Deputy Grand Masters, amount in the aggregate to \$10,545.41, as compared with similar grants for last year, \$9,437.00.

The following lodges, which received supplementary aid from Grand Lodge at last annual communication, have not made returns as required by the regulations, viz. : 121, 126, 255, 295, 347 and 401. The Board recommend that no cheque for this year's grant be forwarded to those lodges until satisfactory returns have been received by the Grand Secretary.

The Board recommend that an investigation be made by the Inspector of all the cases on the list of grants made (the last complete investigation having been made in 1899), and that no cheques be issued to any of the applicants until a favorable report thereon has been made by him. The Board have found that the requirements

for the making of Interim Grants have been adhered to, and that the system of making these grants has been of material assistance in cases of emergency arising during the intervals between meetings of Grand Lodge.

The Board recommend that the sum of \$15.00 and expenses be paid to the Inspector for his attendance on the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

R. L. GUNN,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT :

1. In the matter of complaint of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia vs. St. George's Lodge No. 367, G. R. C., Toronto. See G. L. Proceedings 1901, page 306. Grand Lodge last year ordered St. George's Lodge to pay into the funds of Grand Lodge the sum \$30, to be paid over to Corinthian Lodge in Rossland, B. C.; that St. George's Lodge prefer a charge against Bro. Phillips for fraudulently representing himself a resident of Toronto, at their own expense, and that the prosecution should be by Counsel appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master; that St. George's Lodge make an apology to the Grand Lodge in form satisfactory to the Grand Master, and be prohibited from conferring any further degrees upon Bro. Phillips, or requesting any other lodge to do so for them, from granting him his demit, and from permitting him to enjoy any masonic privileges or advantages pending his trial on said charge.

For the better understanding of the case we may say that one Phillips, at the time having lived (with his family) in Rossland, B. C., whilst on an extended visit to Toronto, where he had been born, and had lived up to the time he moved to Rossland, made application to St. George's Lodge, Toronto, for initiation, his petition being recommended by two Past Masters of St. George's Lodge. His petition went in the usual way before the Committee of enquiry, who reported favorably, and Bro. Phillips was duly initiated, and almost immediately returned to British Columbia. In a short time, and at his request, St. George's Lodge requested Corinthian Lodge, Rossland, to confer the 2nd and 3rd degrees upon him; they refused, and reported the matter to the Grand Master of British Columbia, who laid a complaint against St. George's Lodge for taking some of their material; at the same

time stating that he was advised it could be successfully proved that, in effect, Bro. Phillips acted in bad faith in making application to St. George's Lodge, and knew such action was illegal. Our late G. M. appointed a commission to examine into the matter, who did so, and reported, and the action of Grand Lodge last year, as reported in the proceedings before mentioned, was the result.

St. George's Lodge, in pursuance of the direction of Grand Lodge, made an apology in form satisfactory to the Grand Master, paid into the funds of Grand Lodge the sum of \$30, being the initiation fee; took no further steps to grant Bro. Phillips any other degrees, and proceeded at once to lay a charge against Bro. Phillips for fraudulent representation of his place of residence. The trial in Ontario was conducted by R. W. Bro. Roaf by appointment of the Grand Master, and a commission was issued under which full and complete evidence was taken in British Columbia, on the return of which St. George's Lodge, by a practically unanimous vote, declared Bro. Phillips not guilty of the charges laid. In the report a letter of R. W. Bro. Roaf to the Grand Master forwarding the papers, he concurs in the findings of St. George's Lodge. The result compels the Board to come to the conclusion, that the Grand Master of British Columbia was furnished with information with respect to Bro. Phillip's actions and words, (and relying thereupon made his said charges, and because of which Grand Lodge last year ordered the said trial,) which information was not followed by any proof whatever that Bro. Phillips had knowingly done any wrong. Your Board therefore recommends—

1. That the censure placed upon St. George's Lodge be removed, except as hereinafter stated:

2. That the restriction placed upon St. George's Lodge whereby they were not to confer any further degrees upon Bro. Phillips be also removed.

3. Inasmuch as St. George's Lodge as a body were not guilty of wrong doing knowingly and have gone to great expense in prosecuting Bro. Phillips, under the direction of Grand Lodge, and in which they paid out of their funds for actual and necessary expenses, amounting to \$155.00 (a bill of which in detail has been furnished); that Grand Lodge refund to St. George's Lodge the said sum of \$155.00 so expended as aforesaid.

4. Your Board recognizing that a breach of jurisdiction has taken place and wishing to emphasize the importance of Committees of Enquiry exercising the greatest possible care upon and scrutiny into the essential matters called for upon a petition for initiation, and feeling that the Committee or Board of Inquiry in this case might, by more careful enquiry, have discovered the proper residence of the applicant; we recommend that the said sum of \$30.00 be retained by Grand Lodge, which will tend to make this and other Boards of Enquiry more careful in their investigations on petitions for initiation in future.

2. Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold, vs. Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines:

Charge and counter charge for invasion of territory. Grand Lodge last year sent this matter back for proper survey of the ground, expenses in the meantime to be paid by Grand Lodge.

This has been done. The result shows that each lodge invaded the jurisdiction of the other, but as the distances were close, and means of ascertaining such distances without a rather costly survey difficult, we recommend that each lodge pay half of all the expenses incurred by Grand Lodge in procuring such survey to be made. This invasion of territory does now furnish and has for years furnished this Board and Grand Lodge with a lot of work ; it is the cause of constant friction and bad feeling between the lodges concerned, and covering almost the whole jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, the Board feel that something should be done to stop the trouble, and would recommend that inasmuch as it is proposed to take up the question of redistribution of districts, the matter of delimiting lodges be taken up by the committee to be appointed to consider the question of redistribution of districts.

3. St. George's Lodge, 243, vs. Bro. A. E. Laing. (See Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1901, page 305). Grand Lodge ordered that Bro. Laing be summoned to show cause at this Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for the offence committed (theft).

Bro. Laing having been served with notice to show cause and having made default, the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

4. In the matter of Donald J. McCosh. Application for restoration. Bro. McCosh, being a Master Mason, in or before 1876 joined the so called Grand Lodge of Ontario, and by resolution of Grand Lodge in 1876, with many others, was expelled. Bro. McCosh now applies for restoration to Masonic privileges, and is supported in his application by a letter from the R. W. the Acting Grand Master. The Board recommend that the request of Bro. McCosh be granted.

5. In the matter of complaint against Lake Lodge, No. 215, by Consecon Lodge, No. 50. Invasion of territory. The papers before us are incomplete, no survey has been made and the complainant lodge has not appeared. We recommend that the matters in question be referred to the incoming D. D. G. M. of the district embracing these lodges to have an independent survey made under his personal supervision, by a properly qualified land surveyor, embracing the following lodges: Consecon, Lake and Trenton, and to report thereon to your Board at the next Annual Communication, the expense of such survey to be paid by the Grand Lodge in the meantime.

6. In the matter of the application of Pequonga Lodge, 414, for restoration of Bro. Archibald Campbell. Bro. Campbell was expelled by Grand Lodge in 1897 on a charge of theft, he having been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction and sentenced to fifteen months in the Central Prison, which term he served. From the evidence before us it appears the convicted Brother was indebted to Brother Masons and we do not know whether he has made complete restitution or not ; we therefore recommend that further consideration of this matter by your board be deferred in the meantime, and that it be referred to R. W. Bro. Knight, D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth District, with instructions and authority to investigate all the facts and circumstances connected with the matter in accordance with a brief to be prepared by the Chairman of the Committee of Grievances and Appeals and report to this Board at its next meeting.

7. Bro. Hotham vs. Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133. An appeal by Bro. Hotham against the said Lodge (of which he is a member) for refusing to investigate a charge laid by Bro. Hotham against a member of the lodge. This appears to be an aggravated case, and the Board recommend, after very careful consideration, that a commission be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master to investigate the whole matter and report to this Board at its next Annual Meeting.

8. In the matter of appeal of Bro. John Anderson vs. Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, against their action suspending said brother indefinitely without proper trial, and under circumstances of considerable aggravation. The Board recommend that the matter be referred to a commission to be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master to investigate the whole matter and report to the Board at its next regular meeting.

9. Re Sharon Lodge, No. 97, vs. Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville. Invasion of territory. None of the parties has appeared, and the papers are incomplete. We therefore recommend that the matter in question be referred to the incoming D. D. G. M. of that district to have an independent survey made under his personal supervision by a properly qualified land surveyor, and to report thereon to the Board at its next annual meeting, the expense in the meantime to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. H. BURRITT,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Constitution and Laws, have the honor to report, for the information of Grand Lodge, that they have examined the notices of motion contained in the notice papers sent to the members of Grand Lodge, and have to remark respecting them:

Notice No. 1. The proposed amendment is permissible.

The Committee would, however, suggest that the amendment be slightly altered so that Rule 39, after the word "based," shall read as follows: "Notice of the appeal shall be given to the Grand Secretary in conformity with the provisions of Section 253 of the Constitution."

Notice No. 2. The proposed amendment is permissible. It

is intended to make provision for proper service upon a brother of notice of any decision by which he may be affected or of any sentence passed upon him, a provision which seems very necessary, but has heretofore been omitted from the rules. The printed notice does not correctly set forth the notice given by R. W. Bro. Burritt, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

Notice No. 3. The proposed amendment is permissible. Its object is to settle, if possible, the very troublesome question of "residence," which has frequently given rise to disputes between Lodges.

Notice No. 4. The proposed amendment is permissible.

Notice No. 5. The proposed amendment is permissible.

Fraternally submitted,

RICHARD T. WALKEM,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Constitution and Laws.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Constitution and Laws, to which was referred the petition of Minerva Lodge, Belleville, for permission to wear gold jewels, the reference being grounded on an objection made by one of the members of the Board that such permission would not be granted without an alteration of the Constitution, has the honor to report that the only power reserved to Grand Lodge to alter the rule with respect to the clothing and jewels to be used and worn in the Lodges is contained in Section 255, which refers to aprons. The clause prescribing the dress of a Master Mason provides as follows:

What the words "unless otherwise especially" means is somewhat obscure, but being contained in a clause prescribing the pattern of a Master Mason's apron and in no other clause, it would seem to the Board that Grand Lodge has not the power to grant the application made by Moira Lodge.

The Board would recommend that if it is desirable to give Grand Lodge authority summarily in the application of a private Lodge to wear gold jewels, a distinct provision to that effect should be made in the Constitution.

The Constitution in that part of the section respecting

jewels, to which reference has been made, provides that all the above jewels be of silver.

Fraternally submitted,

RICHARD T. WALKEM,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Constitution and Laws.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved that the supplementary report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

REPORT ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT.

The Board has had submitted to it the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The reports have been carefully read, and the Board is gratified to be able to state that of the 367 Lodges, 363 have been officially visited, many of them a number of times. Last year ten Lodges were reported unvisited. This year only four are so reported. The Lodges unvisited are:

No. 73, St. James, St. Mary's.

No. 266, Northern Light, Stayner.

No. 328, Ionic, Napier.

No. 446, Granite, Fort Frances.

Of the ten Lodges not visited last year, eight have been visited this year. Of the four not visited this year two were not visited last year either, but the D.D.G.M's endeavored to arrange for meetings at which they could visit them and tried to stir up activity, but so far have been unable to resuscitate them, although they are not despairing. The D.D.G.M of District No. 4, admits that it was entirely his fault that that good old Lodge, St. James, No. 73, was not visited, as it was anxious and ready to receive him.

The fact that only four Lodges out of 367 on the roll of Grand Lodge have not been visited speaks volumes for the general close supervision exercised by the D.D.G.M's.

The ultimate aim being to have every Lodge visited at least once a year, your Board once more calls attention to the matter with the confident expectation that next year every Lodge will be visited, and thus that state of perfection so long hoped for will be attained. The four Lodges above referred to are especially commended to the care of the incoming D.D.G.M's in whose Districts they are, with instructions to give them prompt and continuous attention.

The Board has once more the pleasing task of informing Grand Lodge that the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the various D.D.G.M's have been faithfully and efficiently dis-

charged. Each year sees an improvement in the closeness of the work of these energetic and painstaking officers, and too much credit cannot be awarded them for the sacrifices they make in order to overtake the arduous labors laid upon their shoulders by Grand Lodge. The sacrifice of time alone means considerable loss to them, the inconvenience of absence from their business is also embarrassing, and when to these is added the making of long journeys in inclement weather, surely they are deserving of our respect and gratitude. The Lodges they visit are deeply indebted to them for the journeys made in order to show them all honor and entertain them hospitably and courteously, and above all pay them promptly their necessary traveling expenses, which Grand Lodge has over and over again instructed should be done. The work done is so important, and the expense to the individual Lodge is so small, that it is a matter of surprise and regret that the Board has to record that there are still Lodges which neglect to pay the traveling expenses of these officers. It is confidently hoped that this reproach will entirely disappear from next year's reports.

The reports of the D.D.G.M's are on the whole satisfactory. There is reported large increases of membership in several Districts. The character of the material is said to be all that could be wished and such as is calculated to strengthen and build up the Craft in the future. The financial condition sounds through nearly all the reports the discordant note, "large arrearages of dues." Grand Lodge has so often advised upon the proper course to be followed that the repetition is becoming tiresome. Once more let it be said that prompt collection of dues is the remedy, coupled with charity of remission where the brother cannot pay. The D.D.G.M's report, too, that the work as a rule is accurately done, which important result has been attained through the careful and constant inspection by these officers year by year. The calling attention to errors, and frank criticisms of careless and lazy work, have worked wonders. Notwithstanding the general proficiency, two Masters are reported as incapable of working any of the degrees. Examining boards are not meant to be a farce, but to prevent incapable, unskilled men being installed as Masters of Lodges to the great injury thereof. The Board recommends that when unskilled and incompetent Masters are found, that the composition of the installing board be made a matter of inquiry with a view of calling them to account for their neglect of duty in order that the perfunctory performance of so important a matter shall be put to an end.

The numerous Lodges of Instruction which have been held during the past year, at many of which the R.W., the Acting Grand Master, made great sacrifices to be present, cannot fail to have a beneficial effect, and will leave the Lodges without excuses for incorrect work. The R.W., the Acting Grand Master, is to be congratulated on the generous recognition that has been given to his request that Lodges of Instruction should be held in all the Districts. In fourteen out of nine-

teen Districts Lodges of Instruction were held, as many as four or five being held in some districts. The Districts in which, for one reason or another, Lodges were not held are Nos. 3, 10, 13, 14, 17. One D.D.G.M. speaks of the expense as deterring the holding of such a school. There is no necessity for any serious expense, as the Lodge under whose warrant the instruction is held is under no obligation to entertain those attending.

The Board desires to express the opinion that constant and prolonged efforts to resuscitate a dormant Lodge should be made before allowing the light of Masonry to be extinguished where it has once been lit. It is only as a very last resort that a warrant should be called in. This expression of opinion is given point to by the encouraging reports received with respect to certain Lodges which have been for a few years thought to be in need of burial but which are now revived and shedding light and lustre with strong vigor. The Board rejoices at the number of Lodges which attended divine service during the past year.

The secretarial and financial work of the Lodges appear to be in hands of educated and careful officers, which is a matter of congratulation, as the keeping of intelligent records and the honest handling of funds greatly conduce to the prosperity of the Craft.

The Board is pleased to state that lectures by well-skilled brethren upon matters of Masonic interest have been increased during the year just closed.

The Board calls attention to the doubts which have existed in the minds of some of the D.D.G.M.'s as to their power to grant dispensations. A reference to clauses 69 and 75 of the Constitution will define clearly what their powers are in this connection. D.D.G.M.'s have no power to grant dispensations to hold "At Homes," much less to attend, clothed as Masons, functions held in another country.

Attention is also called to the fact that a D.D.G.M. ruled that a W.M. could not resign after installation, whereas Clause 193 of the Constitution clearly permits him to do so.

In closing, the Board is glad to state its opinion that Masonry is on the whole in a satisfactory and flourishing condition throughout this jurisdiction. So far as growth in numbers is concerned, the Board finds that between 1897 and 1902, a period of six years, nearly eleven thousand initiations took place, which is an evidence that Masonry has a strong hold on the respect of the young people who are growing up to manhood. The Lodges and the brethren are active in deeds of kindness and charity. Numbers are not of so much importance as the enrolling in our ranks of honorable, God-fearing men, who thus become bound together in ties of brotherly affection. Your Board is firmly of opinion that Masonry will continue to grow just so long as the low and vicious are kept without its portals, and, as a last word of warning it recommends even greater care in the scrutiny of the character and lives of those who seek to enter its charmed circle.

Fraternally submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Sub-Committee on the Fraternal Dead, beg leave to report:

One more turn of the inexorable wheel of time brings us together again to work cordially for the greatest human factor in the world's betterment, to form new ties, to cement old and tried friendships, and reverently to pay our last tribute of respect and affection to those of our brethren who have passed through the gates of death into the vast and unknown hereafter. Let us hope that it has been to the place of wages, refreshment and rest, to the radiance of a new and diviner day.

The year that has passed has brought to each his own experiences. To some it has been crowned by joys, successes and triumphs, to others it must have seemed a ceaseless succession of sorrows, reverses and defeats; to some the sun shone always with its brightest lustre; the way of others was shrouded in deepest darkness. But through all, if they would but see, God's mercy was everywhere, even when the days were most sombre and the skies darkest.

And we, too, have to mourn those called away from us across the tideless river. Death comes to all; who shall resist them? There is no escape; the king and the peasant alike obey his summons; the worthless criminal as well as mankind's greatest benefactor must follow when he calls.

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Await alike th' inevitable hour,
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

Nay, all paths lead there. And yet death is but another life: darkness and light are near of kin.

"Through death, to life. In heaven and earth
All shadows owe their birth to light
And light is but the shadow of God."

"Into each life some rain must fall," but through the gloom there shines the star of faith, in the darkest of shadows blooms ever the acacia, emblem of immortality, and the "Bright Morning Star" shines most clear when the heavens tower blackest, reminding us that

There must be some clouds foreboding, but they bring refreshing rain;
 There must be some nights of darkness; but the morning comes again.
 There must be some days of sorrow, in our journey here below,
 But they brighter make the morrow, with its heaven lights aglow."

And indeed these encouraging reminders are not amiss, for the "sickle keen" has been unsparingly at work in our midst, and we mourn, amongst others, the following members of Grand Lodge who have gone to their reward:

R. W. Bro. J. T. McKillop, P.M. The Hammond Lodge, No. 327, P.D.D.G.M.

R. W. Bro. Robt. King, P.M. Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, P.D. D.G.M.

R. W. Bro. Alvin Orton, P.M. Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, P.D. D.G.M.

R. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow, P.M. Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, P.D. D.G.M.

R. W. Bro. Adam Cranston, P.M. Galt Lodge, No. 257, P.D. D.G.M.

V. W. Bro. Francis Gallow, P. M. Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, P.G.J.D.

V. W. Bro. W. R. Harris, P. G. Ionic Lodge, No. 25, P. Assistant G.S.

V. W. Bro. Jacob Hoffman, P. M. Ontario Lodge, No. 26, P.G. Sword Bearer.

V. W. Bro. W. S. Lee, P.M. Ontario Lodge, No. 16, P.G. Steward.

V. W. Bro. James Quigg, P.M. Sussex Lodge, No. 5, P.G. Steward

V. W. Bro. Wm. Young. P.M. Wellington Lodge, No. 46, P.G. Steward

W. Bro. B. W. Ferguson, P.M. Irving Lodge. No. 154, Lucan.

W. Bro. W. J. Beattie, P.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich.

W. Bro. James Haynes, P.M. Norfolk Lodge. No. 10, Simcoe.

W. Bro. S. F. B. Reid, P.M. Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria.

W. Bro. C. D. Wagner, P.M. Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall.

W. Bro. J.D. Smith. P.M. Salem Lodge, No. 368. Brockville.

W. Bro. T. W. Reynolds, P.M. The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton.

W. Bro. W. R. Jobb. P.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton.

W. Bro. John Taylor. P.M. Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville.

W. Bro. David Scott. P.M. Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville.

W. Bro. W. S. Hodgins, P.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto.

W. Bro. J. W. Crossley. P.M. Brock Lodge, No. 354, Can-
 ington.

W. Bro. W. C. McCarty, P.M. Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon.
W. Bro. Alex. Findlay, P.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 29, London.

And as "death ever loves a shining mark," two have fallen a prey to the great destroyer.

We, as Masons, deeply mourn the cruel and untimely death of our distinguished brother, Wm. McKinley, President of our great sister nation. Were it possible to reproduce here the impressive words of our own P. G. M. Sutherland, spoken in Rochester, no more eloquent eulogy could be penned, and yet

"So great a soul no requiem needs."

Called by the voice of his people to the highest position in their gift, filling, each day, with greater dignity his exalted place, not only in the life of the great nation whose chosen leader he was, but in the higher counsels of the world at large, in one awful moment, at the zenith of his greatness, he was stricken down by the cowardly hand of assassination. Oh! the pity of it! And then 70 millions of his own people, nay, we, too with the world at large, watched and waited and prayed, hoping against hope until the end. And when that came, our hearts went forth to our bereaved brethren in their grievous loss. McKinley, the martyred President, was dead and the world mourned. In peace, his splendid talents, his career of exalted usefulness, his stern integrity, illumined the history of that country for whom, in war, he had so bravely fought. In private life his dignified presence, his stainless honor, his pure and generous manhood stamped him one of nature's noblemen. And if his life was great, his death was nobler still. The mournful peal of tolling bells, the funeral march, the roll of muffled drums have passed, but his dying words yet live:

"Good-bye all; it's God's way. His will be done."

"He is not dead, he has but passed

Beyond the mists that blind us here

Into the new and larger life

Of that serener sphere."

But even nearer to our homes and closer to ourselves death came and, in grim irony, marked him who was our chosen and well-beloved leader. In dread silence he beckoned to our Grand Master, and he must needs follow and leave us sorrowing.

In the long list of distinguished men who have ruled over us in the Grand East there have been those of greater ability, or stronger personality, but, among them all there has been no more unselfish and generous heart, no purer and more lovable nature than our brother M. W. Bro. Richard Becher Hungerford. He lived the true Masonic life, and his connection with Masonry honored the Craft for which he faithfully and unceasingly labored so long. Who ever knew him to do an unkindly act, to speak an uncharitable word? To help a brother in distress was his purest and his constant pleasure. His unsullied character, his love of justice and of truth, his

broad, yet silent, charity, his affectionate loyalty, his simple nature made him both loved and respected even by those who were mere acquaintances. To his brethren his death came as a deep and lasting sorrow. As we clasp one another's hands, many here will in memory feel his warm hand-clasp; as we speak words of welcome, many will almost hear his cheery greeting. We laid him to rest, and our hearts ached over the solemn words, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," but as each brother cast into the grave the sprig of evergreen, fit symbol of a fadeless and eternal hope, we remembered that he was not there, it was his body only.

"The wornout fetters
"That the soul had broken and thrown away."

Memory alone can bring him back to us, but yet "the good" of his life is "not interred with his bones." Quietly to-day he sleeps in God's acre, but in our hearts he lives,

"So let him rest in dreamless sleep;
His life was rounded well and true."
"And when our last voyage we're making,
May we go as he went, unafraid;
And, the Pilot that guided him taking,
May we make the same port he has made."

To the sorrowing relatives of our deceased brethren we offer the deepest sympathy and beg to recommend that their names be entered in the memorial pages of Grand Lodge.

How soon may our names be there; how soon may we, too, live but in memory! It rests with us to make that memory what we will.

The lesson to all of us, the lesson we should learn well, is this: Let not our lambskin apron be an empty symbol of a vain pretense, worn only on stated nights of meeting, but rather let it be the living proof to all men of a stainless life. Let not our fraternal garb be folded like a disused garment for moths to fret and to destroy, but let us wear it, wear it ever in our daily intercourse with all men, in every relation of life, so that when the great Grand Master shall send forth His Angel to summon us before Him, it may prove a garment fit to wear even in His Ineffable Presence, in the house not made with hands, the Glorious Grand Lodge above.

So mote it be!

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. C. MORGAN,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on the Fraternal Dead.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

SPECIAL REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following

SPECIAL REPORT:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to report:

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was formed on the 7th December, 1899, by all the lodges in the Republic, four in number, all formerly holding warrants from Grand Orient of Central America, Guatemala. The formation appears to have been regular, and their Constitution is all that can be desired. They have now seven lodges and 188 members. Further particulars are given in the detailed report of this committee. It is recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HY. ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT ON R. W. BRO. BENNETT'S VISIT
TO ENGLAND.

R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett presented the following

REPORT:

To the R. W. the Acting Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

R. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—

At the instance of our late lamented M. Wor. Grand Master, and with your endorsement, I was appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of Canada at the installation last year of H. R. H. the Duke

of Connaught as M. W. Grand Master of the united Grand Lodge of England and Wales, in succession to His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII, who, as Prince of Wales, had ruled the Craft for a quarter of a century.

Deeply sensible of the high honor and responsibility thus conferred upon me, I accepted the exalted privilege for which I hereby beg to tender my most grateful acknowledgments.

My reception by the officials of the Mother Grand Lodge in London was of the most cordial and fraternal character.

On the 17th July, in the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington, was held the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, and at which nearly twelve thousand of its members were gathered.

Your representative was given, next to Ireland and Scotland, the most prominent position on the dais, and in every other necessary detail the dignity and high importance of this grand body was most carefully observed.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the most impressive and inspiring I ever witnessed, the delegated visitors from Ireland, Scotland and Canada were presented to the M. W. the Grand Master. His Royal Highness was characteristically kind and fraternal. He warmly expressed his personal gratification that the Grand Lodge of Canada should have been represented on an occasion so important to himself and to the Craft, and added that he felt confident the knowledge of that fact would afford equal pleasure to his illustrious brother His Most Gracious Majesty the King.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEO. J. BENNETT.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett, and

Resolved, That the report just read be received and adopted.

HONORARY RANK CONFERRED.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Geo. J. Bennett, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That in view of his eminent qualities as a devoted mason, and to commemorate the remarkable epoch, masonic and otherwise, through which we have just passed, the rank of Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby conferred upon H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION RESPECTING MASONIC TRIALS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, —That clause 39 of the rules respecting Masonic Trials be amended by striking out all the words after the word "secre-

tary" in the 6th line thereof and substituting therefor the following: "as provided by clause 253 of the Constitution."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved,—That clause 40 of the rules respecting Masonic Trials be amended by striking out the words "receiving notice of its action or decision" and substituting the following therefor: "notice of its action or decision shall have been served upon him personally or shall have been sent to him by mail in registered letter addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at his last known place of residence with a grown up member of his family."

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 17th July, at 10.30 o'clock forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, 17th July, A.D. 1902.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT.

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Acting Grand Master, on the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and representatives.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives of this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 367 Warranted Lodges on the Grand Register; 201 are represented by their duly qualified officers; 103 are represented by proxy; 10 are not represented by proxy, but have Past Masters present; 53 are unrepresented in any way. There are 688 names registered, having a total of 1340 votes.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. ROAF,

Chairman on behalf of Committee on Credentials.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, and

Resolved,—That the supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The W. M. the Grand Master appointed scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and upon their report the following were declared duly elected as office bearers for the ensuing term, namely:

- R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., Lindsay, Grand Master.
 - R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master.
 - R. W. Bro. Samuel Buchanan, Windsor, Grand Senior Warden.
 - R. W. Bro. Oliver Ellwood, London, Grand Junior Warden.
 - R. W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Armitage, Peterboro, Grand Chaplain.
 - M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.
 - R. W. Bro. E. C. Davies, Toronto, Grand Registrar.
 - M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.
- And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,
Bro. John Pritchard, Toronto, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

- R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto.
- R. W. Bro. A. E. Dymont, Thessalon.
- R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Ingersoll.
- R. W. Bro. John S. Dewar, London.
- R. W. Bro. Fred. Guest, M. D., St. Thomas

Subsequently the W.M. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term, namely:

- R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia.
- R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Ottawa.
- R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw, Kingston.
- R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, Kincardine.
- R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood, Peterborough.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and were confirmed by the M. W. Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. W. J. French	Glencoe	Erie	Dis. No. 1
R. W. Bro. J. B. Martyn, MD.	Alvinston	St. Clair	" 2
R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery	London	London	" 3
R. W. Bro. R. M. Cassels	Stratford	South Huron	" 4
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson	Warton	North Huron	" 5
R. W. Bro. James Ross	Boston	Wilson	" 6
R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller	Preston	Wellington	" 7
R. W. Bro. W. H. Robinson	Oakville	Hamilton	" 8
R. W. Bro. Alex. Cowan	Barrie	Georgian	" 9
R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope	Grimsby	Niagara	" 10
R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, MD	Toronto	Toronto West	" 11
R. W. Bro. E. B. Brown	Toronto	Toronto East	" 11a
R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson	Bowmanville	Ontario	" 12
R. W. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn	Belleville	Prince Edward	" 13
R. W. Bro. John Nicolle	Kingston	Frontenac	" 14
R. W. Bro. G. K. Dewey	Brockville	St. Lawrence	" 15
R. W. Bro. John Wilson	Ottawa	Ottawa	" 16
R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon	Rat Portage	Algoma	" 17
R. W. Bro. A. J. Young	Cache Bay	Nipissing	" 18

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

It was decided by ballot that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge should be held at the City of Toronto.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the purport of the resolution of this Grand Lodge, carried yesterday by acclamation, conferring the rank of Past Grand Master on H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, M. W. Grand Master of England, be cabled to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M., and representative of the Grand Lodge of England near this Grand Lodge, who is at present in London, and that he be requested to convey to H. R. H. the action of this Grand Body, with an expression of its cordial congratulations on his elevation to the high and important office of Grand Master, and the hope that he may be long spared to rule over the Mother Grand Lodge of the world.

Subsequently the following cablegram was despatched:

Hamilton, 19th July, 1902.

To John Ross Robertson, National Liberal Club, Whitehall, London, England:

The rank of Past Grand Master was, on the 16th inst., conferred by acclamation on the Duke of Connaught. You, as

representative from the Grand Lodge of England, are requested to convey to His Royal Highness an expression of our cordial congratulations on his elevation to the high office of Grand Master, and the hope that he may be long spared to rule over the Mother Grand Lodge of the world.

J. J. MASON,

Grand Secretary.

In reference to the foregoing, the following cablegram was received from M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson:

J. E. Harding, Esq., Grand Master, Lindsay, Ont.:

I conveyed to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who is in Ireland, through Grand Secretary Letchworth, the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Canada. His Royal Highness replied, expressing grateful thanks for and appreciation of the honor done him, adding that it was another proof of the loyal fraternal feeling for Britain from the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada. H. R. H. requested that his reply be transmitted to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON.

THE LATE M. W. BRO. R. B. HUNGERFORD.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the committee appointed to prepare a resolution referring to the death of M. W. Bro. Hungerford, our late Grand Master, has the honor to entrust the following resolution to the Grand Lodge for adoption:

That we, the members of Grand Lodge, desire to place on record an expression of our deep sorrow at the death of our dearly beloved Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Richard B. Hungerford, and our heartfelt sympathy with his widow and family in their great affliction.

M. W. Bro. Hungerford had, by his kindly disposition, his zeal for Freemasonry, and his faithfulness in the discharge of his duty, endeared himself to the Craft generally throughout the jurisdiction, who had rewarded his merits by conferring on him the highest honor which they could bestow. There was before him the prospect of a prosperous and successful career, but the Great Architect of the Universe in his wisdom saw fit to remove him whilst he was engaged in the active discharge of the duties of his exalted position. Our brother has left behind him a stainless record. His career in Grand Lodge will no doubt be an incentive to younger brethren, and will stand as a proof that the Craft will always appreciate and reward faithful service and true merit.

May the Great Architect of the Universe console and protect his widow and family.

Fraternally submitted,

RICHARD T. WALKEM.

Chairman Sub-Committee.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board, just read, be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE ACTING GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on the Acting Grand Master's Address, have the honor to report as follows with reference to the matters contained in it:

They join with the Acting Grand Master in his expression of sorrow at the death of our late beloved Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Richard B. Hungerford. A resolution expressing the sentiments of Grand Lodge with reference to that sad event has been prepared and presented to the Grand Lodge for adoption.

The Board regard with feelings of deep regret the long list of distinguished brethren who have passed away, and endorses the expression of the Acting Grand Master's feelings of horror with respect to the crime which deprived the United States of its President, and the Craft of a distinguished member.

In the matter of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, it appears that, pursuant to the direction of the Acting Grand Master, given in accordance with the desire of Grand Lodge expressed at its last meeting, the Grand Secretary issued a summons on the 2nd day of March last addressed to the Worshipful Master, officers and brethren of Royal Solomon Mother Lodge notifying them that the question of the withdrawal of the warrant of the Lodge would be considered by Grand Lodge at its next session, and summoning the representatives of the Lodge to appear before the Board of General purposes on the 14th day of July, 1902, at the City of Windsor, to show cause why the warrant should not be withdrawn on the grounds stated in the summons, which are as follows:

"1. The great distance of your Lodge from Canada renders impossible proper supervision of the proceedings thereon.

"2. Grave irregularities in the conduct of your Lodge, as shown by the minute and other books in possession of the Grand Secretary."

This summons was duly received and its receipt acknowledged by the Master of the Lodge, W. Bro. Tedros, who, with his letter, which is dated on the 17th of May, 1902, enclosed a memorial from his Lodge upon the subject matter of the charges.

The Lodge not having appeared, the Board have gone carefully through the material in the possession of the Grand Secretary, including the memorial referred to, and have come to the following conclusion:

That charge one ought not to be entertained; indeed, it cannot be regarded as a charge.

That charge two is established by the evidence.

The Board would therefore recommend that the Grand Master be empowered forthwith to withdraw or cancel the warrant of Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293.

The Board would recommend that a special committee be appointed for the readjustment of the Districts, and that it should report to Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

RICHARD T. WALKEM,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on the Acting Grand Master's Address.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Address of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master be received and adopted.

THANKS TO WINDSOR LODGES.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and be hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the Windsor Lodges for the satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

THANKS TO LIEUT.-COL. GUILLOT.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are due and be hereby tendered to Lieut.-Col. Guillot, and officers of the 21st Regiment, for their kindness in placing their armouries at the disposal of Grand Lodge for the Annual Communication.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That Clause 215 of the Constitution be amended by striking out all the words after the word "Lodge" in the seventh line thereof and substituting the following therefor, "residence, for all purposes under this Constitution and the rules respecting Masonic trials, shall mean as follows: Of a married man, where his family resides; of an unmarried man, where he is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income or salary. Provided however, if an unmarried man is residing with his parents, or, his parents being dead, is residing with his brothers and sisters within the jurisdiction of one Lodge, and is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary, within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, either place may be treated by him as his residence for the purposes of this and the next preceding clause."

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. R. Cuthbert, seconded by W. Bro. W. Crackle,

That Clause 94 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words after "Wardens" in the fifth line in the first sentence, and substituting the following: "And one member from each Masonic District forming the Grand jurisdiction, all of whom shall be elected by the Grand Lodge; the whole number from the several Districts to be selected from the actual Masters or Past Masters of the Lodges. Members thus elected shall hold office for two years." The word "appointed" in relation to such members being eliminated from said Clause 94.

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

THANKS TO M. W. BRO. STEVENSON.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are due and be hereby tendered to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P.G. M., for his kindness in installing the officers of and the many services rendered by him to the Grand Lodge.

INSTRUCTIONS TO D.D.G.M'S.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to instruct the newly-installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The W. M. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing year:

- V. W. Bro. E. W. Harding, St. Mary's, Grand Senior Deacon.
" J. W. Watson, Windsor, Grand Junior Deacon.
" John B. Hay, Toronto, Grand Supt. of Works.
" A. T. Neill, Hamilton, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" R. A. Bayley, London, Assistant Grand Secretary.
" J. S. Fraser, St. Thomas, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" W. E. Fitzgerald, Watford, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Clifford Kemp, Woodstock, Grand Organist.
" A. G. Smyth, London, Assistant Grand Organist.
" J. B. Tudhope, Orillia, Grand Pursuivant.
" W. A. Becker, West Lorne, Grand Steward.
" H. J. D. Cooke, Hensall, Grand Steward.
" B. F. Brook, Listowel, Grand Steward.
" Robert Mann, Orangeville, Grand Steward.
" David Jones, Welland, Grand Steward.
" J. E. Francis, Thornhill, Grand Steward.
" Thomas Newton, Richmond Hill, Grand Steward.
" Adam Dawson, Peterboro, Grand Steward.
" A. H. Watson, Madoc, Grand Steward.
" Wm. Rankin, Napanee, Grand Steward.
" G. W. G. Grout, Lyn, Grand Steward.
" W. A. Chamberlain, Plantagenet, Grand Steward.
" J. M. Wemyss, Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Standard Bearer.
" A. J. Whitby, Sundridge, Grand Standard Bearer.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 3.30 o'clock p.m., in ample form.

ATTEST:



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1902, AND

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John

No of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m	John Knox	Saml. Campbell
3	(a) The An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday..	W. J. Renton....	G. W. H. Corner.
5	(a) Sussex	Brockville	1st Friday	A. H. Gilham	Geo. K. Dewey ..
6	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday	J. J. Evel	J. H. Peatfield ..
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b.f.m	C. W. Harrison...	W. B. Vandyke...
9	(a) Union	Napanee	F. on or b.f.m	G. F. Ruitan	F. H. Perry
10	(a) Norfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m	Robt. E. Gunton ..	Wm. P. Kelly
11	(a) Moira	Bellefleur	W. on or b.f.m	S. S. Lazier	John Newton
14	(a) True Britons ..	Perth	1st Monday	D. G. MacMartin ..	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's	St. Cathar's ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Dean	A. N. Lindsay ..
16	(a) St. Andrew's ..	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	W. F. Chapman ..	J. T. Slater
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Tu. on or b.f.m	L. E. Horning ..	Robert Buck
18	(a) Prince Edward ..	Pictou	Th. on or b.f.m	Jno. W. Wright ..	Wm. Smeaton
20	(a) St. John's	London	2nd Tuesday	J. A. Tancoack ..	M. D. Dawson
21	(a) St. John's	Vankleek Hill ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. P. McAlpine ..	Chas. S. Bennett ..
22	(a) King Solomon's ..	Toronto	2d Thursday	Robt. Home	Frank Maile
23	Richmond	Richm'd Hill ..	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. B. Newbery ..	H. A. Nicholls ..
24	(a) St. Francis	Smith's Falls ..	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. T. Martin ..	J. A. Houston
25	(a) Ionic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	S. T. Bastedo	K. J. Dunstan
26	(a) Ontario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday ..	L. H. Wilson	W. J. Robertson ..
27	(a) Strict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	W. J. Fearman	Wm. C. Morton
28	(a) Mount Zion	Kemptville	W. b.f.m	G. E. Hanna	S. H. Guest
29	(a) United	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m	G. E. Newman	B. C. H. Becker ..
30	(a) Composite	Whitby	1st Thursday	Geo. Britton	Jos. White
31	(a) Jerusalem	Bowmanville ..	W. on or b.f.m	T. G. Bragg	Jos. Pattinson
32	(a) Amity	Dunnville	W. on or a.f.m	A. M. Clark	W. J. Griffith
33	(a) Maitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	Wm. D. Tye	H. W. Ball
34	(a) Thistle	Amherstburg ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jno. G. Huston ..	W. T. Wilkinson ..
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m	J. W. Shappard ..	W. U. Anthony
37	(a) King Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	Geo. J. Phillips ..	W. A. Woolson
38	(a) Trent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m	F. J. Farley, M.D.	A. E. Bywater
39	(a) Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tu. on or b.f.m	Edwin Snudden ..	Chas. J. Spence ..
40	(a) St. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday ..	W. M. Logan	W. J. McAllister ..
41	(a) St. George's	Kingsville	Th. on or b.f.m	W. J. Gilkinson ..	Geo. Rumble
42	(a) St. George's	London	1st Wednesday ..	Chas. H. Ward	W. Skinner
43	King Solomon's ..	Woolstock	1st Tuesday	Jas. McMahoon ..	A. McGachie
44	(a) St. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	E. H. Caughell ..	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	F. Hanna, M.D. ..	S. F. Passmore
46	(a) Wellington	Chatham	1st Monday	J. S. Black	Alex. Gregory
47	(a) Great Western ..	Winisor	Th. on or b.f.m	Henry Siebert ..	Geo. E. White
48	(a) Maloc	Maloc	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. E. Connor	A. H. Watson
50	(a) Consequon	Consequon	F. on or b.f.m	W. W. Locie	D. P. Cory
52	(a) Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	S. C. Thompson ..	C. S. Scott
54	(a) Vaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m	Thos. Cousins	L. Richardson
55	(a) Merrickville	Merrickville ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. W. Postlethwaite	G. B. Magee
56	(a) Victoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday	Peter Clark	F. H. Watson
57	(a) Harmony	Bimbrook	W. on or b.f.m	James Lang	W. G. Fletcher
58	(a) Doric	Ottawa	1st Friday	A. G. Greenfield ..	R. O. Croll
61	(a) Acacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	Fred. H. Yapp	W. W. Barlow
62	(a) St. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Cresswell ..	John Thompson ..
63	(a) St. John's	Carleton Place ..	2d Wednesday ..	Thos. C. Hudson ..	A. T. Hudson
64	(a) Kilwinning	London	3rd Thursday ..	Chas. F. New	John Overell
65	(a) Rehoboth	Toronto	1st Thursday	Wm. Crichton	R. C. Harris
66	(a) Durham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. W. McLeod	E. Simmons
68	(a) St. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	Donald Munro	S. M. Douglas
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	J. E. Halliwell ..	G. W. Bailey
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday ..	C. R. Despond	A. J. Oliver
73	(a) St. James	St. Marys	1st Monday	H. A. L. White	A. Carman
74	(a) St. James	Bethel	M. nearest f.m	P. Bissell	C. B. Murray
75	(a) St. John's	Toronto	1st Monday	J. H. McKinnon ..	Chas. E. Howarth ..
76	(a) Oxford	Woodstock	2d Monday	Jno. W. Dutton ..	Robt. Anderson ..
77	(a) Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	1st Friday	D. R. Anderson ..	R. G. Cornhill
78	(a) King Hiram	Tilsonburg	W. on or b.f.m	Jos. Aspinall	A. L. Baker
79	(a) Simcoe	Bradford	4th Friday	A. E. Scanlon	T. W. W. Evans ..
81	(a) St. John's	Mt. Brydges ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. W. Dingman	Thomas C. West ..
82	St. John's	Paris	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. J. Logie, M.D.	S. T. Taylor

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31st MAY, 1902.

the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total Memb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
2	2	2	2	1	1		8				1	44	Jun 1902		\$ 39 75
3	11	9	3	3	3	2				1	149	"	\$ 6 00		83 75
5	5	7	6	4	5	3				1	149	"			80 00
6	15	13	12	5	3	4	11			1	333	"	2 75		297 00
7	4	4	6								66	"			58 75
9	11	11	11		2					2	106	"	\$ 1 00		59 25
10	7	7	2	1	4	4	1				99	"			58 50
11	6	7	9	2	4	2	7			1	164	"			110 00
14	4	4	4		2	7				1	96	"	2 00		64 50
15	12	10	11	1	2	3				1	92	"			52 00
16	17	17	18	4	6	3					255	"			207 00
17	5	5	4			1					79	"			90 25
18	10	10	9	3	3	2	12			3	198	"			137 25
20	11	13	14	1	1	6	11			1	164	"			144 25
21a	4	5	5	8	13						46	"			35 50
22	13	13	7	3		5	4	1		1	198	"	3 00		161 25
23	2	5	4		3						33	"			23 00
24	10	8	9	2	1		3				119	"			65 00
25	3	5	7	3	7	4	2				240	"			130 25
26	10	9	8	2	2	1					74	"			44 75
27	19	18	22	5	6	5	3			1	299	"			194 00
28	7	6	5	7	1		1				40	"			
29			2	1	1		2	1			88	"			52 75
30	3	2	3			2					74	"		2 00	56 50
31	9	10	8		1						70	"			61 25
32	5	7	9	2		1					81	"	67 50		27 75
33	7	11	14	4	3		6				117	"	3 00		88 50
34	3	3	3		2		8				52	"	10 00		54 75
35	5	5	5		1		8				72	"			48 75
37	4	4	4	1		2	5				63	"		2 00	
38	11	8	8	1	4	3					85	"	2 50		59 25
39	3	3	3								27	"			16 25
40	13	12	11	2	3	8	2			2	354	"			200 50
41	14	13	13		4	1	15			3	91	"			75 50
42	7	7	7	3		1					51	Dec. '01	64 50		87 00
43	10	6	7	2	1						107	Jun 1902			69 25
44	12	13	10	6	2	3	2			2	131	"			142 00
45	10	13	9	5	3	1					149	"	22 00		70 50
46	12	10	5		3	4	5				124	Dec. '01	3 50		90 50
47	14	11	11	2	1	3				1	221	Jun 1902			151 25
48	5	4	5		1	1	6			2	87	"	1 00		105 00
50	2	2	2				2				37	Dec. '01			25 25
52	11	9	7		2	1	2	1		1	130	Jun 1902		4 00	108 00
54	1	1	1	1							36	"			22 00
55	3	2	2	1	1	2					63	"			43 50
56	15	13	19	5	4	1					133	"	6 00		182 50
57	4	3	4								60	"			18 50
58	5	8	7	2	1	2					112	"			91 75
61	20	19	19	1	3	2	5				290	"	3 00		198 25
62	6	5	6	1		1				1	48	"	16 00		43 25
63	10	11	16	1	1						136	"			109 50
64	9	8	6	2		4				1	177	Dec. '01			217 50
65	14	14	10	3		4	2				235	Jun 1902	2 00		53 25
66	1	1			1	1	1				26	Dec. '01			13 88
68			1	1						1	78	Jun 1902			69 00
69	2	1	1	2	1					2	63	"			33 50
72	8	7	4			1	1			4	102	"	1 00		42 50
73	3	3	3	1	3	2				1	72	"	5 00		60 50
74	2	2	2		2	1	1			1	47	"	2 50		25 00
75	12	11	8		3	2	7				233	"			202 00
76	12	10	10	1	8	2	3			1	125	"			104 50
77	4	7	10	2		2					106	"			95 00
78	12	12	9		2	1	8			1	115	"			81 25
79	6	7		1	1	1					61	"	4 00		50 50
81	1				1	2	3				47	"	2 00		28 50
82	7	4		1	1					1	58	"			31 25

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1902, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	a Beaver	Strathroy ...	F. on or a.f.m	F. W. Tanner ...	R. F. Richardson
84	a Clinton	Clinton	F. on or a.f.m	J. W. Chidley ...	Andrew Porter...
85	a Rising Sun	Athens	Th. on or b.f.m	J. F. Purvis, M.D.	Jas. Koss
86	a Wilson	Toronto	3rd Tuesday...	J. W. Siddall ...	R. F. Segsworth..
87	Markham Union	Markham	F. on or b.f.m	J. B. Gould	R. A. Mason
88	St. George's	Owen Sound ..	W. on or b.f.m	Jno. W. Marshall	John M. Campbell
90	a Manito	Collingwood ..	W. on or a.f.m	A. D. Knight ...	W. T. Herrington
91	a Colborne	Colborne	F. on or b.f.m	H. J. Mayhew ...	Geo. Keyes
92	a Cataraqui	Kingston	2d Wednesday	Wm. Jackson	Robt. Hendry
93	a Northern Light ..	Kincardine	1st Wednesday	M. J. McPherson.	R. D. Hall
94	a St. Mark's	Port Stanley ..	2d Tuesday...	W. H. Farr	Edw. Witty
96	a Corinthian	Barrie	1st Thursday.	J. C. Smith	Donald Koss
97	a Sharon	Sharon	Tu. on or b.f.m	Thos. W. Wallis.	P. F. Pearson, M.D
98	a True Blue	Bolton	F. on or b.f.m	R. L. Stewart	A. E. Bolton
99	a Tuscan	Newmarket	2d Wednesday	Peter J. Anderson	H. E. Choppin ...
100	a Valley	Dundas	2nd Monday...	T. F. Bertram ...	F. A. Latshaw ...
101	a Corinthian	Peterboro'	W. on or b.f.m	T. H. Greer	Peter Campbell..
103	a Maple Leaf	S. Catharines ..	Last Thursday	A. R. Thompson..	H. J. Johnston...
104	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a.f.m	H. Von Volkelt rg	G. W. Poldon
105	a St. Mark's	N. Falls S'th.	Tu. on or b.f.m	S. J. Vanderburg	J. C. Hull
106	a Burford	Burford	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Davidson ..	C. H. Pratt
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b.f.m	G. F. Thornicroft	Alex. Taylor
108	Blenheim	Princeton	F. on or a.f.m	T. L. Force	A. R. Hoston
109	a Albion	Harrowsmith ..	F. on or b.f.m	J. Barston	James Cooke
110	a Central	Prescott	1st Tuesday...	W. H. Raney	H. H. Wells
113	a Wilson	Waterford	W. on or b.f.m	Arthur Bowlby ..	J. H. Mills
114	a Hope	Port Hope	2nd Friday...	A. G. Aldrich	Thos. H. Bell
115	a Ivy	Beamsville	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. N. Myer	Duncan Mavor ..
116	a Cassia	Thedford	M. on or b.f.m	John Campbell ..	Geo. Watcher ...
118	Union	Schomberg	M. on or b.f.m	Francis Attridge ..	W. J. Brereton ..
119	a Maple Leaf	Bath	M. before f. m	Jno. A. Redden ..	F. W. Armstrong ..
120	a Wren	Fingal	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. E. Norman ..	D. Cameron
121	a Doric	Brantford	3rd Friday	John S. Gray	Jno. H. Spence...
122	a Renfrew	Renfrew	1st Monday...	H. J. Airth	M. McKinnon
123	a The Belleville ..	Belleville	1st Thursday.	H. J. Clarke	W. H. Adams
125	a Cornwall	Cornwall	1st Tuesday...	C. A. McHaffie ..	John Ridley
126	a Golden Rule	Cambellford ..	Fr. on or b.f.m	A. A. Mulholland ..	Geo. L. Dickson ..
127	a Franck	Pamfrank	M. before f. m	C. H. Ketcheson..	W. A. Black
128	a Pembroke	Pembroke	1st Thursday.	R. Ross	D. W. Campbell ..
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	F. on or b.f.m	F. Baldwin	R. G. McCraw ..
131	a St. Lawrence	Souham'ton	Tu. on or a.f.m	P. J. Scott, M. D.	Donald Ross ...
133	a Lebanon Forest ..	Exeter	M. on or b. f. m	Isaac R. Carling ..	C. H. Sande's ...
135	a St. Clair	Milton	Th. on or b.f.m	Jno. McLeod	J. H. Peacock
136	Richardson	Stouffville	T. on or b.f.m	Jno. D. Forsyth..	J. W. Shankel...
137	a Pythagoras	Meaford	F. nearest f.m	A. H. Stephen	J. Patterson
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday...	W. A. Hare	W. E. N. Sinclair
140	a Malahide	Aylmer	W. on or b.f.m	J. B. Ogilvie	C. F. Burdick
141	a Tudor	Mitchell	Tu. on or b.f.m	G. L. Money	A. J. Blows
142	a Excelsior	Morrisburg	F. on or b.f.m	H. B. Ford, M. D.	John Warren
143	a Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednes' b.f.m	Geo. H. Parlow ..	A. B. Carman
144	a Tecumseh	Stratford	3rd Friday	S. J. Mallion	Wm. E. Brooker ..
145	a J. B. Hall	Millbrook	1st Thursday.	W. T. Wood	G. E. Burnham ..
146	a Prince of Wales ..	Newburgh	Wednes' b.f.m	Percy W. Brown ..	G. A. Aylesworth ..
147	a Mississippi	Almonte	1st Friday	N. H. Washburn ..	W. S. Boyd
148	a Civil Service	Ottawa	2d Tuesday...	E. B. Echlin	Hy. O. Hewit ...
149	a Erie	Port Dover	M. on or b.f.m		
151	a The Grand River	Berlin	2d Tuesday...	A. B. Campbell...	Thos. W. Saund's
153	a Burns	Wyoming	Th. on or b.f.m	Pierce Parker	J. M. Wilson
154	a Irving	Lucan	Th. on or b.f.m	Chas. A. Lang, M.D	S. A. Doupe
155	a Peterboro'	Peterboro'	1st Friday	Walter Stocker ..	W. H. Walkey ...
156	a York	N. Toronto	3rd Friday	Chas. Moseley	W. J. Douglas ...
157	a Simpson	Newboro'	Tu. on or b.f.m	L. S. Lewis	Jas. H. Butler ...
158	a Alexandra	Oil Springs	Thurs'day f.m	W. S. Parks	W. S. Duggan
159	a Goodwood	Richmond	W. on or b.f.m	F. H. Pratt	H. Reilly
161	a Percy	Warkworth	Wednes' b.f.m	I. Humphries	S. Oliver
162	a Forest	Wroxeter	M. on or b.f.m	Thos. Brown	Thos. Gibson, Jr

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LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1902.—Continued.

No. of Lodges	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
83	4	5	1	1	2	1	2				81	Dec. '01			\$ 115 75
84	3	1	1	1	1	2					60	Jun1902			31 00
85		1			2						60				51 00
86	10	9	9	2	1					1	201				130 50
87	3	1	1	3	2		3				37				18 00
88	10	8	10	5	2	3	7				101				113 00
90	3	2	3			1				1	117			\$ 2 00	82 00
91	7	6	7	1	5	2				4	95		\$ 26 25		0 75
92	10	9	11	1	1	1	3				127	Dec. '01	3 00		8 00
93	5	6	7	1	3	1	10			1	89	Jun1902	1 00		65 75
94	5	5	5		1					1	46	Dec. '01			31 00
96	8	9	8	1	9	1				1	160	Jun1902			125 75
97	4	2		1		2	1			2	59			2 00	32 00
98	7	5	5		1	1				1	52				1 50
99	1	1	1	1	2					5	51		4 50		44 50
100	6	7	5	2	2	1	2			1	85				60 75
101	10	8	11	1		2					107				86 25
103	5	5	5		1					2	111		31 25		74 00
104	1	2	4		2	2	1				81				60 75
105	8	8	7							2	71			6 00	59 25
106	2	2	1	1	1	1					74				29 25
107	3	4	4			2					60		14 75		39 00
108		1	1	1							29				22 00
109	3	3	2	2	2						62				43 75
110	10	9	10	2	1	3	3				98				73 25
113	12	10	8	2						1	82			8 00	65 00
114	5	3	1			1	1			1	77				66 50
115	8	8	7		1	1	6				75		50		47 75
116	2	1	1	1	1						32				11 25
118	1	1	2	1	1		2				19				20 50
119	3	3	2	1	2		1				28		2 00		17 75
120	5	3	3	2							44		1 00		30 75
121	14	16	17	4	3	1	4			2	199		3 00		141 00
122		3	2	3	2						106				61 25
123	5	4	7	2	2	5					152				97 25
125		5	4	2		3	3			1	84				50 25
126											41	Jun1901			26 00
127	4	3	3	1	1	1					75	Jun1902	19 50		35 00
128	9	8	7	2	2						132				87 00
129	2	1	1	1	1	2	3			2	55		17 00		46 50
131	2	2	2	1	1					1	53				39 25
133	7	4	4	2	1		1				74				41 50
135		7	5			2	2				68	Dec. '01		2 00	167 00
136	2	3	2		2	2				1	45	Jun1902			37 50
137	7	4	1			1				1	66				60 50
139	8	5			3	1				2	67				41 25
140		6		1		1				1	94				74 50
141	4	3	4	1	3						43				35 50
142	2	2	2		3						57				40 50
143	10	10	8				8			2	98	Dec. '01	50		72 50
144	7	7	10	5	3	4					124	Jun1902			87 50
145	4	4			1						51				29 75
146	2	1	2	1	1						46			13 25	41 50
147	6	6	7		2	1	7				82			2 00	62 25
148	7	7	4	2	3	1	1			2	82	Dec. '01	8 00		60 50
149											56	Dec. '00	11 50		
151	15	7	3	5	2			1			119	Jun1902			57 50
153	7	5	5				1			1	72		8 00		51 00
154	2	2	1			1				1	56				27 50
155	8	10	11	5		5	2				133		1 50		95 50
156	6	5	5	2	1		2				79				76 00
157	2		2							1	57		1 00		31 00
158	3	3	3	1	1						57				33 25
159	7	5	4		2						82				44 25
161	3	4	2		2						59				31 50
162	3	3	3				1			2	24		3 00		19 50

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1902, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W. Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. F. McFaul...	W.W.Fitzgerald.
165	aBurlington	Burlington	W. on or b.f.m	John Forth	F. W. Taylor.....
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	A. E. Kimmins...	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	J. F. Hill	John Coulson ..
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. McCracken	John Cook
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday	R. J. McDowall	J. H. Reid
171	aPrince of Wales	Lawrence St'n	F. on or a.f.m	A. Widdifield.	Chas. H. Smith
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tu.on or b.f.m	Chas. C. Fralick.	Robt. Anderson
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan.	Th.on or b.f.m	J. L. Buck	Jas. Ryan
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	2d Friday	J. H. Putman	H. H. Cairns
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	F. on or b.f.m	Robt. Bristow ..	W. H. Henderson
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday	A. Summers	Wm. Parker
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Kemp	M. G. Burwell ..
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Th.on or b.f.m	D. M. Gordon	Harry Days
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m	Byron Bond	Rev.C.Scudamore
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet.	M. on or b.f.m	M. W. Shepherd.	W.A.Chamberl'n
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	D. A. McPherson	Jas. McMillan ..
192	aOrillia	Orillia	F. on or b.f.m	E. A. Wakefield.	John McBain...
193	aScotland	Scotland.	M. on or b.f.m	A. W. Smith	Jas. Malcolm.
194	aPetrolea	Petrolea	2d Wednesday	W. J. Barrett.	Mathew Smith...
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday	H. C. McBride	P.W.D.Broderick
196	aMadawaska	Amnprior	2d Monday	J. C. Whyte	A. D. Sinclair
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	2d Tuesday	F. H. Arscott.	W. G. Collins.
200	St. Alban's.	Mount Forest	F. on or b.f.m	R. O. Kilgour...	S. A. Pennock
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	Tu.on or b.f.m	F. J. Skinner	W. Y. Boyd
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday	Thos. Godfrey	Edward Burns...
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m	R. J. Kerr	S. G. Holley
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. W. Ross ..	W. N. McGillis...
209a	St. John's	London	1st Friday	E. W. B. Eardley	T. A. Rowat
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday	A. Buffam	W. A. Fields
212	aElysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday	John Kennedy	Thos. Lappen
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m	H. G. Stafford	W. H. C. Roblin.
216	aHarris	Orangeville..	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Glover	D. McPherson...
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m	H. L. Stratton	A. W. Cryslers...
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2d Monday	John Stephens	Geo. Wilson
219	aCredit	Georgetown.	F. on or b.f.m	R. C. McCullough	T. A. Eargey...
220	aZeradatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m	S. S. Sharpe	J. G. Vicars
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. McGill	W. T. Fish
222	aMarmora	Marmora	Tues'd'y b.f.m	Jno. McWilliams	J. A. Hubbell
223	aNorwood	Norwood	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. B. Peam	E. P. Cuff
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th.on or b.f.m	By'n A. Campbell	Jas. Bonthron
225	aBernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m	I. H. Stuart	D. D. Campbell
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m	R. L. Gilbert	Robt. Bennett
229	aIonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday	A. J. Hood	A. Morton
230	Kerr	Barrie	3rd Monday	D. M. Stewart	Fred. Marr
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday	Jas. Hill	John F. Stewart
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. Balkwell	J. E. Paton
233	aDoric	Park Hill	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. W. Simpson	F. J. Hutchins...
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. Mitchell	J. H. Dickinson
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	A. W. Parrish	R. W. Barnett
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	Tu.on or a.f.m	Alex. McKay, MD	H. Coleman
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m	C. M. Wilson	Sam. S. Slutton
238	Havelock	Watford	Tues.bef.b.f.m	Alex Saunders...	David Watt
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	W. D. Davis	Jas. Murray
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	J. N. Lane	D. S. Mallory...
243	aSt George	St. George	Th.on or b.f.m	M. W. Horning	S. G. Robinson
245	aTecomseh	Thamesville.	Tu.on or b.f.m	G. G. Hopkins	W. C. Armstrong
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday	M. J. Aylesworth	A. C. Fairweather
249	aCaledonian	Midland	Tu on or b.f.m	W. H. Moseley	R. P. Reid
250	Thistle	Embro	Th.on or b.f.m	R. H. Green	Columbus Ross.
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday	Wm. Mundell	T. D. Minnes...
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls.	1st Thursday.	Wm. S. Baker	Alex. Gray
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2d Thursday.	H. J. French	J. B. Webster
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville	W. on or b.f.m	J. M. Cook	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday	J. M. Cameron	Jas. A. Carrick...

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Pas ed.	Raised.	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total Mmb's	Last Ret'n's	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	2	2	5		7		1			1	56	Jun1902			\$ 31 50
165	14	12	11		1		4				65	"	4 25		82 00
166	9	7	7			1	4				98	Dec. '01			66 50
168	7	9	7	1	5	1	4				69	Jun1902			68 25
169	2	1	1								57	"			39 25
170	5	5	5	1	1	1					92	"			47 75
171	12	1	1	1	2						40	"			34 50
172	3	4	3	1		2					26	"			26 00
174	3	4	2	1	2						54	"			30 35
177	11	6	4	3	6	4	2			1	131	"	32 50		66 25
178	1	3	3		1	1					41	"			30 25
180	11	2		2	1		4				78	"			37 00
181					1		2				1	"			15 00
184	18	11	4		2	2				1	69	"			69 50
185	2	2	2	3	1	1	3			2	24	"	32 75		18 00
186	8	1	1	1			4				28	Dec. '01			39 50
190	5	5	5	2		2					34	Jun1902	1 50		25 50
192	13	9	8	4	4					2	169	"	50 00		60 00
193	3	4								1	63	"			41 25
194			1	1	1	1	3				72	"			47 50
195	6	6	4	1	2	3					84	Dec. '01			54 00
196	8	8	7	4	3		6			1	92	Jun1902			81 50
197	5	5	9	4	2	3					61	"			62 50
200	4	4	3	5	1					1	53	"	26 00		16 00
201	11	10	8	1	1						109	"	1 00		36 50
203	4	5	5	2	2	2				1	54	"			59 75
205	6	5	5	3		1					33	"		1 00	43 00
207											44	Jun1898	43 25		50 00
209a	9	11	7	11	5	4	5			3	171	"			163 75
209	2	3	2	1							46	June '02			23 00
212					2	1					19	"			14 00
215	11	4	3		4	1	1				60	"			49 50
216	8	9	14			1					121	"	3 75		38 50
217	3	4	1	1		1					54	Jun1902	45 75		60 50
218	24	23	20	1		6	7			5	200	"			151 75
219	6	3	7	1	4	1	1				42	"	3 50		90 00
220	8	5	11	1	3		1				81	"			57 25
221	7	7	7	1	1	1	2			4	80	"			57 50
222	11	7	4	2							70	"			50 00
223	5	2	2	2	5						21	"			26 25
224	2	2	2	1	2	1					60	"			43 75
225	4	2	2	1	2		2			2	87	"			54 75
228	1	1	2			1				1	35	"		2 00	33 50
229	4	3	1			3	2				69	"		1 00	44 50
230	11	4	2	2	2	2					101	"			63 00
231	12	13	16	1		1				1	119	"			110 75
232	4	1	2	2	2						48	"			40 25
233	1			1	2	1					42	"			21 50
234	2	2	3				2				56	Dec. '01	14 50		39 00
235											38	Jun1900			1 00
236	5	3	4		1		7			2	33	Jun1902			21 75
237	2	2	2	1		1	1				41	"			35 50
238	2	2	3		1					2	59	"		2 00	31 00
239											52	June '98	74 50		105 00
242	6	6	7		1	1				1	68	Jun1902			61 75
243	5	5	5	1	1	1	2		1		53	"			36 25
245	4	3	11			1	1			2	56	"	2 00		20 50
247	37	33	29	3	3	1	2				238	"			179 50
249	18	19	16	1	1	1	2				93	"	10 00		102 25
250	1	1	1		2					1	27	"			17 00
253	11	2	2	1			2				76	"			25 00
254	5	5	11	2	1		2				93	"	2 00		69 00
255	5	4	4				2				54	Dec. '01			
256	5	3	3	2	18	1	2			1	51	June '02			15 75
257	9	9	10	4	2	3				2	84	"	8 50		84 75

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
258	Guelph	Guelph	2d Tuesday	F. H. Pratt	W. A. Mahoney
260	Washington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	St'rt McWhorter	B. Dunlop
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th. on or b.f.m	W. I. Hewson	R. Q. Irving
262	Harriston	Harriston	2d Monday	Fred. M. Copland	J'n. H. Blackman
263	Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. Campbell	P. W. Campbell
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	Walter M. Ross	W. H. Morgan
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th. on or b.f.m	Robt. Forbes	A. Muckle
266	Northern Light	Stayner	Tu. on or b.f.m	Dr. McLeod	J. W. Bethune
267	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	David Moore	J. S. Morrison
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. A. Davis	Chas. E. Stewart
269	Brougham Union	Claremont	W. on or a.f.m	W. J. Gregg	A. E. Lehman
270	Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	Rev. J. J. Rae	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.	John Willis	J. L. Leitch
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu. on or b.f.m	E. W. Wright	G. D. Farmer, MD
274	Kent	Blenheim	M. on or b.f.m	R. Misner	J. Crookshank
276a	Teeswater	Teeswater	F. on or b.f.m	J'n Farquharson	James Gallagher
277	Seymour	P. Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m	James Powell	Geo. Powell
279	New Hope	Hespler	W. on or b.f.m	Donald Stewart	Jno. Jardine
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m	Arch. McTaggart	Edwin Gale
283	Eureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m.	H. A. Thompson	W. J. Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jas. Fox	Jas. Irwin
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m	J. R. Hipwell	H. M. Wright
286	Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	Rev. Wm. Lowe	I. A. Morton
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	H't. A. McKibbin	John Ritchie
289	Doric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m	D. A. Graham	P. L. Graham, MD
290	Leamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. Irwin	R. J. Kerr
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m	Jno. K. Jones	Alfred Jones
292	Robertson	King	M. on or b.f.m	G. R. Egan	J. W. Crossley
293	T. Roy. Sol. Moth.	Jerusal'm Pa	1st Wednesday		
294	Moore	Courtright	Th. on or b.f.m	W. H. Watson	R. G. Stewa t.
295	Conestogo	Drayton	Tu. on or a.f.m	Thos. Henderson	J. A. Slath
296	Temple	St. Catharin's	Last Wednes.	J. W. Kempling	K. G. Beaton
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m	Hy. C. Edgar	Jos. Baltzer
299	Victoria	Centreville	Th. on or b.f.m	A. R. Carscallen	Robt. Cox
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. Fitzgerald	M. N. Wright
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	Geo. Armstrong	Fred. S. Lewis
303	Blyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m	F. Wheeler	J. M. Hamilton
304	Minerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m	Anson Black	Jas. Black
305	Humber	Weston	W. on or b.f.m	Jos. T. Franks	Rev. Chas. H. Rich
306	Durham	Durham	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. J. S. Dewar	W. H. Bean
307	Arkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m	W. J. George	Fred. Nelson
309	Morning Star	Smith's Hill	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Young	John Varcoe
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m	El. W. Lawrence	T. A. Agar
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	J. A. Quennell	E. E. Parker
313	Clementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	J. R. Fraser, M.D	R. Q. Dench
314	Blair	Palmerston	F. after f. m.	D. J. Merriion	H. McEwing
315	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	Aaron Wenger	R. E. Bigger
316	Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday	Wm. F. Tasker	H. C. Griffith
318	Wilnot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	J. A. Butler, M.D.	Alf. Kaufman
319	Hiram	Hagersville	Th. on or b.f.m	Jno. H. Foreman	F. S. Lindsay
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Elliot	A. M. Fulton
321	Walker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m	A. J. McKinnon	J. B. Wallace
322	North Star	Owen Sound	W. a. f. m.	Hy. Wright	J. F. McCallum
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m	T. A. G. Gordon	R. Code
324	Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday	Hilhouse Brown	T. H. Pedler
325	Orono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m	Rv. T. W. Leggatt	Thomas Smith
326	Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday	Mal. J. Cockburn	John H. Macabe
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	3rd Tuesday	T. A. Milligan	J. T. McKillop
328	Ionic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	W. L. Toohill	W. H. Sutherland
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	John Thomson	David Hill
330	Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	J. E. Malone	H. C. Simpson
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th. on or b.f.m	Thos. Littlejohn	A. C. Hutchison
332	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	Rev. D. Williams	R. M. Cassels
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m	F. H. W. Hickling	Ch's. H. Munshaw
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. S. Mitchell	Norman Ross

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S.N. P.D.	S.U. M.C.	Exp't'd	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
258	7	4	12		1						87	Jun1902			\$ 74 00
260	7	7	8	1	1		2				81	Dec. '01			160 25
261	2	1	1	1	1		2				23	Jun1902	\$ 4 00		19 50
262		10	10	4	4	1				1	77	"	3 00		59 00
263		2			3	2	3				70	"			67 00
264	12	12	17		5	1	8				118	"			63 25
265	2	2	3			1	2			2	39				28 75
266	2	2	2								21	Dec. '01			
267	13	10	9	5	4		1				70	Jun1902			54 50
268	1	2	2	1							28	"			14 25
269	1						2			1	41	Dec. '01	29 25		40 75
270	4				2	2					65	Jun1902			39 00
271	4				1					1	53	"	8 00		36 25
272		7	7		1	1	2			1	78	Jun1902		13 00	77 00
274		5	4		3						67	"			51 75
276	2	2	3		5						22	"		4 00	19 00
277			2								32	"			20 75
279	4		2		1	1	2			1	54	"			28 75
282		4	4	3			2				51	"			37 25
283	2	2			1	1					63	"			41 00
284	5	7	6	1	1	1	6				59	Dec. '01	28 50		39 75
285	9		9			1	1				47	Jun1902	1 00		35 50
286	12	11	17	2	3					2	68	"			73 50
287	7		2		1	7				2	102	"			67 50
289					1						43	"			22 25
290	1		5	5	1					1	90	"	1 00		53 00
291	8	8	8	1	2	1					55	"			59 25
292	2	3	2	1	3						38	"	1 00		24 75
293		8	5	9	1						31	"	4 00		
294	3	3	3		1						32	"			7 50
295	4	3	3		2					3	36	"			25 50
296	2	2	2			1	2				63	"			79 25
297	4	4	4	2							40	"			34 25
299					2	1				3	32	"			20 75
300											37	"			18 50
302	21	22	21	2	2	1					168	"			186 50
303											51	Jun1901			27 50
304	4		2		2		1				25	Jun1902			37 25
305		2	4								46	Dec. '01			37 50
306	10	6	6	2			1				44	Jun1902			33 00
307		3	2	1	1	1					38	"	4 00		30 50
309	1	1	1								49	Dec. '01			29 00
311	1	1	1				5			1	29	June '01	3 00		34 00
312	10	11	9	1	3	3				3	76	June '02	6 00		44 50
313	7	10	8	1	1						57	"			46 00
314	4	4	4			1					59	"			34 25
315		1	2		1	1	2				24	"			21 75
316	8	5	1	6		2					117	"	93 75		107 00
318	1	1	1	1			1				35	Jun1901			34 50
319		2	2	5	1						34	"	15 50		41 50
320		2	2	1	1	1				1	89	"			56 50
321	7	5	5				1				42	"			63 75
322		9	9	1		1				1	84	"			28 00
323	3		3		2		7			1	53	"			38 00
324	24	21	17	4		1	3				290	"			265 50
325	1	1	1			1					31	"			17 75
326	33	35	39	5	9	2	7				358	"		1 00	241 50
327											23	Jun1900			22 00
328											39	Dec. '99			
329	2	2	2	1							43	Jun1902			33 50
330	6	6	8			1					102	"			101 50
331	3		5							1	31	"	1 50		24 75
332	E	6	4	1		3	7				148	"			99 50
333	4		5		7						49	"			47 00
334	10	8	7	1	7	1	2	1			44	"			45 00

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. W. Moodey.	Geo. F. Reycroft.
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m	Thos. Sowersby..	C. B. Bennett ...
338	aDufferin	Welland port	Tu. on or b.f.m	Edward Rigg.....	Jas. R. Goring ...
339	aOrient	Toronto.....	1st Tuesday...	David J. Kelly	F. H. Anderson...
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. M. Bowie	J. S. Evans.....
343	aGeorgina.....	Toronto.....	1st Saturday	C. E. Levey	J. M. Sumner.....
344	aMerrill	Dorch'st rS'n	Th. on or b.f.m	Chas. Morrison...	John Sharp
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Tu. on or b.f.m	McK. Proenior.	J. McDougall....
346	aThe Occident	Toronto.	3d Wednesday	Tim. Barber	John Lillie.....
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday.....	J. A. Forster	James Beattie ...
348	aGeorgian	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday...	L. E. Lane	N. S. Fenny
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	W. on or b.f.m	J. N. Knifton...	D. Macfarlane ...
354	aBrock	Cannington...	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Foster	Joseph A. Kift...
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville...	Tu. on or b.f.m	T. H. Goodison...	Wm. Taylor.....
357	aWaterdown	Millgrove.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	S. F. Smith	Jas. E. Stewart...
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	A. B. Sinclair...	Jas. Finch
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	C. W. Culver	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge..	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. S. Cochran...	Isaac Huber.....
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday...	Arch. McIaren...	H. E. Jackson ...
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Collins	C. E. Start
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	J. F. James, M.D.	Jas. Coulter
367	aSt. George	Toronto.....	1st Friday.....	Frank Saunders...	R. C. Gallagher ..
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday...	W. H. Harrison...	S. R. Stayner....
369	aMimico.....	Lambton M.	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. McKinnon...	J. G. Musson.....
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	L. N. Phelps	J. W. Russell....
371	aPrince of Wales...	Ottawa	4th Friday...	W. J. McCoy.....	John K. Wright...
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg...	Tu. on or a.f.m	J. R. M ncke.....	J. G. Watts
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thur. day.	L. P. VanNatter...	Thomas Main....
374	aKeene	Keene	Th. on or b.f.m	A. D. Anderson...	J. M. Shaw, M.D.
375	aLorne	Omamee	1st Thursday...	G. S. CameronMD	G. H. English
376	aUnity	Huntsville...	2d Wednesday	Alex. R. Corbett.	Mackie Kinton...
377	aLorne	Shelburne	1st Friday.....	John Mowat	J. A. Mills
378	aKing Solomon's...	London West	2nd Thursday	T. G. Davis	W. Nicholl
379	aMiddlesex.....	Bryanston	W. on or b. f.m.	Chas. Hudson	Al-x. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday...	M. J. Maitland...	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	3rd Monday...	A. B. Clark	C V. Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winch'ter	1st Tuesday...	W. A. Empey.....	Salem Coons.....
384	aAlpha	Toronto.....	1st Thursday...	Jas. G. McDone'l	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry	Beeton	W. on or a. f. m	A.J.S. Goldsmith	J. M. Sissons.....
386	aMcColl	West Lorne.	Tu. on or b. f. m	Alex. McFee	W. A. Becker
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne	Th. on or b.f.m	M. R. McDonald.	E. L. McNeil
388	aHenderson	Iderton.....	M. on or b. f. m	Peter Bowey	R. H. Morgan
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m	A. A. Chapman...	Jos. Forrest
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th. on or b.f.m	J. A. Rannie	J. D. McMillan...
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	G. Middleditch...	W. H. Ellsworth ..
392	aHuron	Camlachie	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. P. Draper	A. Trusler
393	aForest	Chesley	1st Tuesday...	Chas. Smelie	W. T. Ross
394	aKing Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b. f. m	J. S. Robinson...	Jas. T. Lloyd
395	aParvaim	Comber	Fri. on or b.f.m	D. T. Voakes	W. G. Ainslie ...
396	aCedar	Wiarton	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. W. Baines	S. A. Perry
397	aLeopold	Brigden	Wed b. f. m.....	R. H. Banby.....	H. J. Leacock...
398	aVictoria	Kirkfield	W. on or b.f.m	A. E. Staback	Jos. McClelland ..
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b. f. m	W. Doan	D. D. York
400	aOakville	Oakville.....	Tu. on or b. f. m	Thos. Andrew	C. A. Bradbury ..
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday...	T. W. Rowland...	A. C. Stover
402	aCentral	Essex	W. on or b.f.m	O. H. Bricker	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday.....	R. H. Revell	Jas. C. Guillet...
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or a. f. m	Smith Gilmour...	Jas. Aylesworth ..
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday...	A. N. Graswell	W. G. Dinwoodie ..
406	aThe Spry.....	Fenel's Falls	W. on or b.f.m	F. A. McDiarmid	E. Fitzgerald....
408	aMurray	Reaverton	Tu. on or b. f. m	D. McKay	W. Williamson...
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	M. on or b.f.m	W. W. McPhee...	A. A. Mowry.....
410	aZeta	Toronto.....	4th Friday...	R.C Griffith M.D	E. A. Faulds
411	aRodney	St. Rodney	W. on or b. f. m	Frank H. Wilson	T.W. Kirkpatrick ..
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. J. Thomson...	Thos. D. Ross
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu. on or b. f. m	J. S. Richardson	W. A. Hutton

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No. of Lodge	Initial'd	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total Memb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
336	8	5	5		1						61	Jun1902	\$ 17 00	.....	\$ 107 00
337	4	4	4		1	1					27	"	.....	.....	25 00
338	7	5	2		1						31	"	47 75	.....	4 00
339	28	25	26		8	3	3				220	"	.....	.....	190 50
341	7	7	6			1	4				32	"	.....	.....	27 50
343	8	3	3	4	10					1	209	"	2 00	.....	134 00
344	1				3	1	1				22	"	.....	.....	17 25
345	3	3	3			1	1				26	"	50	.....	13 50
346	20	18	15	1	2	3	6			1	167	"	.....	.....	134 00
347	4	4	5				2				42	"	3 00	.....	32 75
348	1	1	1	4	2	1					36	Dec. '01	1 00	.....	42 00
352	7	5	5				1				71	Jun1902	.....	.....	45 00
354	2	2	7			1					56	"	1 00	.....	45 50
356	2	2	1								35	"	.....	.....	18 75
357	10	10	5	1		1					62	"	.....	.....	62 25
358	1	1					8				38	"	23 50	.....	22 50
359	4	4	3		2	1					37	"	.....	.....	21 00
360	8	8	8	1	3		1				58	"	.....	.....	59 00
361	5	5	5			2					109	"	2 00	.....	66 50
362	3	2	2								44	"	.....	2 00	19 75
364	3	2	2		2		2				32	"	.....	.....	129 00
367	13	18	18	1	3	1	7			2	171	"	5 00	.....	240 75
368	7	5	4	2	2	1					97	"	.....	.....	30 50
369	3	3	3			1					65	"	11 25	.....	46 00
370											65	Dec. '00	.....	.....	.....
371	7	8	9	1		1	3				80	Jun1902	.....	.....	64 00
372	8	6	6			1					64	"	.....	.....	38 75
373	6	5	9	3			1			1	47	"	.....	.....	45 50
374	2	3	3								31	"	.....	.....	21 75
375	5	3			4						38	"	21 75	.....	42 50
376	5	2	1	2	2	2				2	90	Dec. '01	.....	.....	68 75
377	4	5	4		2	1				1	52	Jun1902	75	.....	48 00
378	6	6	6		1						66	"	.....	.....	57 00
379	1	1	1				2				35	Dec. '01	.....	.....	16 00
380	20	16	15		2	2	8				140	"	.....	.....	138 75
382	25	23	26	2	4		1			1	189	Jun1902	2 50	.....	180 00
383	14	5	3								66	"	.....	.....	50 75
384	33	39	30	7	13	2	10			1	230	"	.....	10 00	144 00
385	17	16	15		3						51	"	3 00	.....	67 25
386	5	6	5	1	1						51	"	.....	.....	34 25
387											20	Jun1901	.....	.....	.....
388	2	1	1		2						41	Jun1902	.....	.....	24 25
389						2					36	Dec. '01	.....	.....	28 00
390	3	3	2	1							27	Jun1902	.....	.....	17 50
391	4	4	4	1	2		1			2	63	"	.....	.....	36 00
392	1	1			3						50	"	.....	.....	32 00
393	2	1	1	1	1	1					31	"	3 00	.....	11 75
394	3	2	4							1	63	"	.....	.....	47 00
395	2	1	2	1	3	1					45	"	.....	.....	29 25
396	2	2	2		1					1	80	"	23 00	.....	31 50
397	3		3	1							52	Dec. '01	.....	8 00	35 50
398		6	8	1	3						37	Jun1902	2 00	.....	.....
399	1	2	2				5				22	"	.....	2 00	27 25
400	22	20	17	5	1	2				1	106	Jun1902	15 00	.....	78 00
401	3		1		1						54	"	13 00	.....	16 00
402	3	3	3		6		2			1	55	"	.....	.....	43 25
403		17	16	4	1					1	156	"	.....	.....	109 50
404	1	1	1			1					35	"	.....	2 00	19 00
405		5	2		1	1					81	"	.....	.....	55 00
406	5	1	4	2	5		1			2	45	"	.....	.....	38 75
408	4	2	2								42	"	8 00	.....	25 50
409	5			1		1					41	"	.....	4 00	33 50
410	15	17	14	1	6		3			1	126	"	3 00	107 50
411	1	1	1		9	2	7				20	"
412	33	29	23	13	2	1				3	141	"	6 00	123 75
413											66	Jun1901	2 00	93 00

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
414	Peguonga.....	Rat Portage ..	1st Wednesday	J. A. Warren	J. M. Gould
415	aFort William	Fort William ..	W. on or b.f.m	J. H. Hollinshed	John Morton
416	Lyn	Lyn	W. on or b.f.m	Maurice Brown..	A. E. Cumming..
417	aKeewatin	Keewat'n Mls	1st Friday.....	Jas. H. Robinson	A. J. Holmes
418	aMaxville	Maxville.....	2nd Tuesday...	A. P. Purvis.....	Ira G. Marjerison
419	aBismarck	Pt. Edward ..	2nd Monday...	W. McCluster.....	B. F. George.....
420	aNipissing	North Bay.....	2nd Thursday	Rev. A. J. F. Cobb	Rev. E. J. Hart...
421	aScott.....	Grand Valley ..	W. on or b.f.m	G. H. Nodwell.....	Wm. McIntyre...
422	aStar of the East ..	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m	H. C. Walker.....	C. E. Bailey
423	aStrong	Sundridge.....	3d Wednesday	A. Carmichael ...	A. A. Anderson...
424	aDoric	Pickering.....	Th. on or b.f.m	R. S. Dillingham	R. S. Bunting....
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b.f.m	Robt. A. Stokes ..	Orvil A. Smith..
426	aStanley	W. Tor. Junc	1st Tuesday...	John Paterson...	J. R. Royce
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	1st Wednesday	L. V. Rorke.....	Chris. R. Reid...
428	Fidelity	Port Perry.....	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. McGibbe....	Wm. Spence ...
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin.....	Th. on or b.f.m	A. H. Ridout.....	J. T. Lillie.....
430	aAcacia.....	East Toronto...	3rd Monday...	W. J. Taylor.....	Thos. Brownlee..
431	Moravian	Eden Grove..	F. on or a.f.m	Wm. Trimble.....	W. J. Loughlan..
432	aHanover	Hanover.....	F. on or b.f.m	John W. Stone...	John Sutherland
433	aBonnechere	Eganville.....	2nd Monday...	Jno. G. Morlok...	Edw. Weber
434	aAlgonquin	Emsdale	Tu. on ora.f.m	Jas. Metcalf.....	J. A. McDonald..
435	aHavelock	Havelock.....	F. on or b.f.m	Elias Williams...	A. Kinewasser ...
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth.....	Tu. on or a.f.m	J. Sutherby	David Allan.....
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	3d Wednesday	S. G. Cornell.....	W. F. Wrighton..
438	aHarmony	Toronto.....	4th Monday...	Thos. McQueen...	W. T. Martin.....
439	aAlexandria	Alexandria...	1st Wednesday	John Simpson...	E. H. Tiffany....
440	aArcadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. Giles.....	W. S. Munn
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	1st Friday.....	A. W. Gray..	J. E. Whaley.....
442	Dymet.....	Thessalon....	Th on or b.f.m	Geo. Shaw	F. Leightfield...
443	aPowassan	Powassan.....	2nd Friday.....	J. A. Porter.....	T. S. Trenouth...
444	aNitetis.....	Creemore	Tu. on ora.f.m	John Flack.....	Jos. Hood
445	aLake of the Woods	Rat Portage ..	2nd Wednesday	N. Schnarr.....	W. Nickson.....
446	aGranite	Fort Frances ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. A. Baker.....	Chas. Holland ...
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Fl's	2nd Monday...	E. D. Jessop	E. H. Edwards....
448	Xenophon	Wheatley.....	Tu. on or bef..	Jas. Reynolds....	E. Hanson
449	Dundalk	Dundalk.....	W. on or bef..	Jas. Clarey.....	J. Symington
450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury..	Th. on or bef..	T. T. McWaters..	J. A. Ferguson...
451	Somerville	Kinmount	2d Tu. on or bf	Edw. Fitzgerald.	Fred. Trainer....
452	Avonmore	Avonmore.....	Tu. on or bef..	W. C. Whitteker.	.....
453	Royal.....	Ft. William..	1st Wednesday	James McLaren.	F. C. Perry.....
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls..	1st Monday...	Robt. J. Watson.	.....
U.D	Doric	Little Cur'nt	Tu. on or bef..	Geo. R. Powell...	.....
U.D	Elma.....	Monkton.....	Th. on or bef..	Alex. Chambers.	.....
U.D	Century.....	Merlin	1st Monday...	W. F. Robertson	.....
U.D	Wales	Wales	Mon. on or bef	Arch. S. Wylie
U.D	Cobden	Cobden	1st Monday...	Mat. H. Wilson...

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
414	..	3	2	108	Dec. '01	3 00	\$ 104 00
415	6	5	5	..	9	..	19	5	50	Jun1902	17 50	94 00
416	4	2	2	28	"	16 00
417	4	5	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	57	"	.....	.....	40 25
418	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	62	Dec. '01	12 75	.....	54 25
419	1	1	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	77	Jun1902	.....	.....	59 00
420	10	7	9	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	89	"	.....	.....	80 50
421	2	4	5	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	63	"	.....	.....	57 75
422	2	2	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	46	"	.....	.....	44 00
423	5	6	5	2	4	..	..	..	..	2	48	"	.....	.....	41 50
424	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	36	"	.....	.....	23 50
425	5	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	52	"	.....	.....	43 50
426	10	14	14	1	3	1	2	..	..	..	172	"	.....	.....	146 00
427	8	9	..	..	6	1	13	..	..	2	96	"	.....	.....	102 00
428	2	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	60	"	.....	.....	35 25
429	1	1	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	39	Dec. '01	.....	.....	27 25
430	11	5	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	92	Jun1902	1 00	.....	106 50
431	5	5	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	44	"	.....	.....	32 50
432	3	3	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	37	"	.....	.....	26 50
433	8	6	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	47	"	.....	.....	39 25
434	7	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	45	Dec. '01	.....	.....	35 75
435	15	12	11	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	71	Jun1902	.....	.....	96 75
436	1	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	29	Dec. '01	.....	.....	44 00
437	16	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88	Jun1902	2 00	.....	89 50
438	51	40	25	12	12	..	6	..	..	4	170	"	.....	.....	145 50
439	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	Jun1901	.....	.....	33 50
440	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	43	Jun1902	.....	3 00	38 25
441	2	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	29	"	.....	.....	22 00
442	8	8	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	Dec. '01	.....	.....	76 00
443	3	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	30	Jun1902	1 00	.....	26 25
444	2	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	32	"	.....	.....	23 50
445	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	"	4 00	.....	25 75
446	7	7	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	48	"	.....	.....	47 75
447	2	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	"	.....	24 00	21 25
448	11	11	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	"	.....	.....	58 00
449	3	1	..	17	..	1	..	..	..	..	20	"	.....	.....	7 00
450	15	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	"	.....	.....	3 00
451	13	9	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	"	.....	.....	42 75
452	10	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	24	"	.....	.....	35 75
453	11	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	"	.....	.....	23 00
454	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	.....	.....	20 00
Do' ic U	D.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	.....	.....	..
El ma U	D.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	.....	.....	..
Cen tur y U	D.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	.....	.....	..
Wa les U	D.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	.....	.....	..
Cob den U	D.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	.....	.....	..
Int ere	st	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	3672 57
Mis cell	ane	ous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	91 00
2296	2087	1998	431	640	332	528	6	1	199	28421	1042 75	284 50	25341 45		

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. J. French, Glencoe.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 386, McCoil.....	West Lorne
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 395, Parvaim.....	Comber
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 402, Central.....	Essex
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	U. D. Century.....	Merlin
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville		

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. B. Martyn, M. D.; Alvinston.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 425, St. Clair.....	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, London

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Niles town.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 209a, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (16.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. M. Cassels, Stratford.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 205, New Domini'n.....	New Hamb'n
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 233, Doric.....	Park Hill
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star.....	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 318, Wilnot.....	Baden
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 170, Britaunia.....	Seaforth	U. D. Elm.....	Menkton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, Wiarton.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Warton
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 436, Burns.....	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

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WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. James Ross, Boston.

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Flatville.....	Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	" 359, Vittoria.....	f. Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller, Preston.

No. 72, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 297, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speed.....	Guelph	" 306, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....	Elora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
" 237, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverley.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Robinson, Oakville.

No. 6, The Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....	Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 382, Doric.....	Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....	Burlington		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, Barrie.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 266, Northern Light.....	Stayner
" 88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 304, Minerva.....	Stroud
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 192, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 385, Spry.....	Beeton
" 236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	" 444, Nitetis.....	Creemore
" 249, Caledonian.....	Midland	" 449, Dundalk.....	Dundalk

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grimsby.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....	Thorold
" 7, Union.....	Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....	Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....	Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....	St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....	Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....	Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin.....	Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....	Welland	" 372, Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
" 169, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....	Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....	York		

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TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, Toronto.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....	Toronto	No. 292, Robertson.....	Nobleton
" 54, Vaughan.....	Maple	" 305, Humber.....	Weston
" 65, Rehoboam.....	Toronto	" 311, Blackwood.....	Woodbridge
" 86, Wilson.....	Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....	Toronto
" 98, True Blue.....	Bolton	" 346, Occident.....	Toronto
" 118, Union.....	Schomberg	" 356, River Park.....	Streetsville
" 156, York.....	North Toronto	" 369, Mimico.....	Lambton Mills
" 229, Ionic.....	Brampton	" 384, Alpha.....	Toronto
" 247, Ashlar.....	Toronto	" 426, Stanley.....	Toronto Junction
" 265, Patterson.....	Thornhill	" 438, Harmony.....	Toronto

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, M. D., Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....	Toronto	No. 220, Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge
" 23, Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	" 269, Brougham Union.....	Brougham
" 25, Ionic.....	Toronto	" 316, Doric.....	Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....	Toronto	" 339, Orient.....	Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....	Markham	" 343, Georgina.....	Toronto
" 97, Sharon.....	Sharon	" 354, Brock.....	Cannington
" 99, Tuscan.....	Newmarket	" 367, St. George.....	Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....	Aurora	" 410, Zeta.....	Toronto
" 136, Richardson.....	Stouffville	" 424, Doric.....	Pickering
" 218, Stevenson.....	Toronto	" 430, Acacia.....	East Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12. (25.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, Bowmanville.

No. 26, Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 270, Cedar.....	Oshawa
" 30, Composite.....	Whitby	" 313, Clementi.....	Lakefield
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	" 325, Orono.....	Orono
" 39, Mount Zion.....	Brooklin	" 374, Keene.....	Keene
" 66, Durham.....	Newcastle	" 375, Lorne.....	Omemees
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	" 398, Victoria.....	Kirkfield
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough	" 406, The Spy.....	Fenelon Falls
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope	" 408, Murray.....	Beaverton
" 139, Lebanon.....	Oshawa	" 428, Fidelity.....	Port Perry
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	" 435, Havelock.....	Havelock
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough	" 440, Arcadia.....	Minden
" 223, Norwood.....	Norwood	" 451, Somerville.....	Kinmount
" 268, Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn, Belleville.

No. 11, Moira.....	Belleville	No. 128, Golden Rule.....	Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....	Cobourg	" 127, Frank.....	Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....	Pictou	" 161, Percy.....	Warkworth
" 29, United.....	Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....	Wellington
" 38, Trent.....	Trenton	" 215, Lake.....	Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....	Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....	Marmora
" 50, Consecon.....	Consecon	" 239, Tweed.....	Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....	Stirling	" 263, Eureka.....	Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....	Colborne	" 401, Craig.....	Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....	Belleville		

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Nicolle, Kingston.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....	Kingston	No. 201, Leeds.....	Gananoque
" 9, Union.....	Napanee	" 212, Elysian.....	Garden Island
" 92, Cataragui.....	Kingston	" 228, Prince Arthur.....	Odessa
" 109, Albion.....	Harrowsmith	" 253, Minden.....	Kingston
" 119, Maple Leaf.....	Bath	" 299, Victoria.....	Centreville
" 146, Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	" 404, Lorne.....	Tamworth
" 157, Simpson.....	Newboro'	" 441, Westport.....	Westport

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ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT. No. 15. (25.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. George K. Dewey, Brockville.

No. 5, Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 256, Farran's Point.....	Aultsville
" 14, True Britons.....	Perth	" 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 24, St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	" 368, Salem.....	Brockville
" 28, Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	" 370, Harmony.....	Delta
" 55, Merrickville.....	Merrickville	" 383, Henderson, West Winchester	"
" 74, St. James.....	Bethel	" 387, Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
" 85, Rising Sun.....	Farmersville	" 389, Crystal Fountain.....	N Augusta
" 110, Central.....	Prescott	" 416, Lvn.....	Lyn
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 439, Alexandria.....	Alexandria
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 452, Avonmore.....	Avonmore
" 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster	U. D. Wales.....	Wales
" 242, Macoy.....	Mallorytown		

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Wilson, Ottawa.

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vanleek Hill	No. 186, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet
" 52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	" 196, Madawaska.....	Arnprior
" 58, Doric.....	Ottawa	" 209, Evergreen.....	Lanark
" 63, St. John's.....	Carleton Place	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew.....	Renfrew	" 264, Chaudiere.....	Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	" 371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	" 405, Mattawa.....	Mattawa
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 433, Bonnechere.....	Eganville
" 159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	" 450, Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
" 177, The Builders.....	Ottawa	U. D. Cobden.....	Cobden

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17. (9.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, Rat Portage.

No. 287, Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 442, Dymont.....	Thessalon
" 412, Key Stone.....	Sault Ste Marie	" 445, L'ke of the Wo'ds, Rat Portage	"
" 414, Pequonga.....	Rat Portage	" 446, Granite.....	Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William.....	Fort William	" 453, Royal.....	Fort William
" 417, Keewatin.....	Keewatin		

NIPPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (12.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, Cache Bay.

No. 352, Granite.....	Parry Sound	No. 427, Nickel.....	Sudbury
" 360, Muskoka.....	Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin.....	Emsdale
" 376, Unity.....	Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....	Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule ..	Gravenhurst	" 447, Sturgeon F'lls, Sturgeon F'lls	"
" 420, Nipissing.....	North Bay	" 454, Corona.....	Burk's Falls
" 423, Strong.....	Sundridge	U. D. Doric.....	Little Current

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1.....	23 Lodges.
St. Clair	" 2.....	20 "
London	" 3.....	26 "
South Huron	" 4.....	16 "
North Huron	" 5.....	19 "
Wilson	" 6.....	21 "
Wellington	" 7.....	21 "
Hamilton	" 8.....	21 "
Georgian	" 9.....	20 "
Niagara	" 10.....	21 "
Toronto West	" 11.....	20 "
Toronto East	" 11a.....	20 "
Ontario	" 12.....	25 "
Prince Edward	" 13.....	19 "
Frontenac	" 14.....	14 "
St. Lawrence	" 15.....	25 "
Ottawa	" 16.....	20 "
Algoma	" 17.....	9 "
Nipissing	" 18.....	12 "

Total.....373

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EXPELLED BY GRAND LODGE.

No. 243—Arthur E Laing.

SUSPENSIONS, U. M. C.

No. 22—John Hill. 29—J D Bryant. 52—Albert Hudson. 151—Alfred Oel-schlager. 334—John Anderson. 424—William E Vanstone.

SUSPENSIONS FOR N. P. D.

No. 2—T P Blain, J Shaw, J C Garrett, J Redhead, J Sampson, A C Weaver, J Sheppard, W W Ireland. 6—T F Dick, T Leaman, H A Burns, W C Allward, E H Farley, R U Gray, F E Woolverton, E Corey, A McKenzie, G H Hunter, D McNichol. 10—James Gillies. 11—J F Harry, J H Hill, W A Pringle, James Owens, P H Thompson, James Storts, P Flagler. 18—J Burlingham, S Brisbin, J S Foster, P H Fox, R B Mastin, E R North, W H Sloan, W H Orchard, D S Austin, W A Stewart, G L Hough, S S Farrington. 20—A Bonesteel, R J Hennessy, G Riddle, J Taylor, J J Magee, William Connor, E D Munro, W T T Williams, T A Gray, J B Jennings, A Swayzie. 22—H S DeWitt, J R Mitchell, G Garner, W Worsfold. 24—W McLaughlin, H Dunn, D M Condie. 25—G H Brooks, A M Clarkson. 27—T C Allardice, R A Allardice, A E Hersee. 28—O Bush. 29—S H Cook. 33—H y Armstrong, N Cox, G Henderson, D Johnston, R W McKenzie, D McLeod. 34—G G Hackett, Wm McVetty, J Styles, A Pirie, G E Pulford, H Y Pickering, D D Wigle, J Leighton. 35—H y Rogers, C J Coverdale, H E Burrows, Jas Stockton, A A Stevens, A Swick, Wm Sw. et, Wm A D Grant. 37—R Clegg, C H Summers, G N Crooker, Wm McMurray, Alex Grant. 40—J McColi, T F Dick. 41—A J Scratch, J M Woodiwiss, E J Fox, H E Crow, C J Ballard, W H Wiggle, L L Black, R Uch, R R Canfield, A Fox, D Ryall, Jas Bain, E A Pulford, C B MacKinnon, W Valentine. 44—A H Rudolph, D E Galbraith. 46—S J Arnold, W D Graham, F L Crosier, G H Maynard, W N Warburton. 48—P M Gunter, J A Orr, S Harryatt, D Caldwell, Wm Rankin, J Munro. 50—J L Smith, M M May. 52—Geo Howe, J H Salmon. 61—John Campbell, W A Inwood, L P Corman, G Smyth, T Rodgers. 65—T Everfield, H Howard. 66—S N Walker. 72—E P Sickle. 74—F C Stratton. 75—J B Young, J M Stratton, F H Marton, G Knight, J Knox, C F Breakly, H J Brown. 76—Jas Scott, J P McBeath, H K Lyon. 78—L C Sinclair, Jr, J R Clark, H Scott, P M Geddis, J G Bottomley, Jas Hilsdon, C Parkens, R R Stewart. 81—R Wootton. N Vrooman, L Byron. 83—J F Taylor, J R Saxton. 87—P Eckardt, J Reeson, J Turner. 88—W G Little, J D Smith, H A Coulson, A Young, T A Martin, Geo Holoway, G A McKay. 92—A McIntosh, L Dubois, J E Hopkirk. 93—W W Davey, J Alexander, N T Ritchie, C Rowsall, W M Williams, J H Liversey, J H Scott, J G Welsh, J A MacDonagh, H T Hurdon. 97—Fred Robinson. 100—Wm Graham, J Dixon. 104—Wm Walker. 110—C Bower, W S Connell, O H Hooper. 114—M J O'Brien. 115—J Allan, J H Beatty, D Craig, J O'Neil, J Astle, O McPherson. 118—D Phillips, L Rogers. 119—T Embury. 121—W J Hall, R England, A H Warner, K D Brooke. 125—W A McArthur, A Woodward, J H S Parke. 129—B Grennan, R W Wood, J Tinline. 133—John Gillespie. 143—P P Everetts, L Dillabaugh, Z Seeley, R H Knox, A E Weager, J McQuade, J Hutchcroft, W F Carstairs. 147—J Elliott, W Groves, J K White-law, D Williams, Geo Hegarty, John More, A Shirriffs. 148—T N E Christie. 153—R J Durant. 155—A C Babcock, J McKee. 156—S T Humberstone, J E Brown. 162—G Spotton. 164—E W Greer. 165—T Dalton, W H Finmemore, J. W L McCraney, G Robinson. 168—J E Whalley, L H Taylor, V Waldenberger, M Minnes. 177—L Garrett, R Graham. 180—J Anderson, T H Scarff, J H Fox, Jas Phillips. 181—G B McConnell, G Stephens. 185—J Hodgson, W Parker, S Young. 186—N G Ross, M McLeod, R P Patter, R Dey. 194—H Brantton, W Agnew, B Harper. 196—E D Renzy, J W Ward, J Hunter, R G Place, G M Stein, J I Hurst. 209a—R G Balmer, C J Mills, F W Long, J S Lester, W W White. 215—W K Bowerman. 218—E Carlyle, R Hutton, G McC Wilson, J Wright, A E Kennedy, Wmlliam Smith, G F Smedley. 219—J Hain-er. 220—R Smith. 221—G W Henderson, D Walker. 225—S A Burton, H Cavill. 229—Jas Anderson, Thos J Kennedy. 231—W T Mulier, Jas Stockton. 236—A A Ayerst, W W Bawtinhamer, S B Kaiser, G G Renwick, Wm Stewart, W H Slight, J Gilroy. 237—M C Drake. 243—C N Bell, G A Dray. 245—W C Duffus. 247—W H Robinson, M Wood. 249—J. H Brown, H B Smith. 253—A H Abbott, E Roy. 254—H Bender, C Huggins. 255—J Mansfield, W H Ripley. 256—M Fraid, M W Ridley. 260—E. E. Brown, Geo Fair. 261—R Hooper, E C Vansycle. 263—T Jones, W Karr, H Harvey. 264—E A Bullis, A Carruthers, D Matheson, J F Pratt, N W B Robinson, D R Waters, M McWilliams, John Fraser. 265—J F B Scott, R C Davison. 267—J McGoldrich. 269—T B Willis, T Ward. 272—W F Gibson, S C Pinchin. 279—Geo McLean, Geo A Greer. 282—J Thompson, R F Ferguson. 284—D McCormack, S W Laird, Jno Shaw, W M Sinclair, J T Ross, T Town. 285—A A Burk. 287—A Allen, S D Allen, G A Ful-ler-ton, R. Ferguson, J J Jackson, T J C Rodden, O W McKinstry. 296—J O Mil-

ler, T H Fitzsimons. 304—T Moore. 306—A Davidson. 311—W Blain, C R Orr, N McD Burton, T Hadwin, D Todd. 316—D C Smith, M Wood. 318—W B Iain. 321—P Petty. 323—C B Latta, G Willoughby, F B Cummer, E R Bell, Geo Bell, D L McNeil, E Hales. 324—T F Dick. John Craig, Thos W H Kerr. 326—Jas. Pearson, G N Bilton. W E Ramsay, E J Henderson, J H Avery, H R Martin, Jos Stovel. 332—A Allen, G Fuller, D McEwen, E H Edd, O Card, G J Foot, B D Burn. 334—J R Hoover, G A Mitchell. 339—Geo. Williams, Wm. Russell, Thos. Waters. 341—R Ballantyne, J Walker, M Calder, A S Lowe. 344—W H Shaw. 345—Robt. Pickell. 346—J A Flood, T Heaslip, R Muirhead, J L Bird, D J Johnston, S G Martin. 347—Jas. Philips, Wm Langtree. 352—Geo Monteith. 358—F E L Johnston, D Lamont, H P Mahler, C Dickey, J B James, J Stilson, A W Mahler, Jno Ollett. 360—Chas W Deggle. 364—Jno Kain, H A Birrell. 367—J Marshall, A J Spry, W H Syme, Jas F Whitson, C White, J A Hatch, A Taylor. 371—J A Houston, W Parish, E Calcutt. 373—J E Whalley. 378—W Spence, T Cockerill, S P Hopper, U G Moore, Wm Wilson, Jas Daniels. 379—T J Humphrey, Aleq McKellar. 380—M Baldwin. W J Elliott, E Gardiner, J Gilmore, W W Fallis, W Fuller, A Schabacker, D W Freeland. 382—B Lewis. 384—W J Edwards, W W Hodgson, J E Knox, E H Verral, J J Newton, N McCrimmon, G W Boughton, R King, F W Sterling, H P Thompson. 391—J A C Andersen. 399—T N Dunn, W Orser, W Jelly, J A Robins, C White. 402—Chas Roberts, F Hyatt. 406—R Pearson. 410—R F Davey, W F Lancaster, W H Richardson. 411—D H Ford, J Gray, J Houser, J Streit, W Johnston, F C Messerschmidt, D Patterson. 415—R McNabb, W Gilmore, N. Hamilton, N. McLennan, H. Ferguson, N. Newcombe, R J Robinson, A Spahr, W Cullen, H Harkness, A E Rutledge, N McNabb, H Whitefield, W Gaskill, R Allison, J McDougall, L Whitefield, R Reading, Geo R Paulk. 421—H Madge, D H Morrison. 422—Robt Black. 425—J R Merritt. 426—Jas Raddick, S R Graham. 427—W R Griffith, O Palmer, F A Lucas, C H Johns, C Ford, Wm Blewitt, A G Boland, D A McDonald, H A Blewitt, W Turner, J W Dodd, F C Doway, W F Watson. 429—A Miller. 430—Geo D Law. 432—I A Hallman. 434—N James, J L Sutherland, W R Spooner, W McPherson. 435—F E Harper. 438—A B Clarke, E Coombs, W C McDonald, J R Thurston, A H Walsh, F Pim.

DEATHS, 1901-1902.

No. 3—Edwin R Welch, 24th January, '02; William E Nevens, 8th April, '02. 5—James Quigg, 6th November, '01; F. G. Lawrence, 17th January, '02; M. Garry, 27th April, '02. 6—G W Brown, 1st December, 1901; P T McCullough, 27th December, '01; B Friend, 3rd June, '02; T W Reynolds, 9th June, 1902. 10—W Walker 9th August, '01; A Ironside, Jr, 4th February '02; D B Palmerston, 18th April, '02; James Hayes, 31st May, '02. 11—A Dulmage, 28th November, '01; H Y Canniff, 14—W T Walker, 24th July, '01; C Rice, 29th August, '01; W M Kellogg, 13th September, '01; P McGregor, 2th October, '01; W Hicks, 21st January, '02; T Smith, 15th February, '02. R Burke, 22 June, '02; 15—B O'Loughlin, 9th December, '01; R Wynne, 18th April, '02; J A Filmer, 20th April, '02. 16—W S Lee, 4th January, '02; T H Phair, 4th February, '02; W S Hodgins 28th February, '02. 18—John S Barker, 11th July, '01; G L Hough, 4th March, '02. 20—W Horner, 23rd September, '01; George Shaw, 21st October, '01; James Grant, 26th October, '01; A Findlay, 23rd December, '01. E Granger 29th March, '02; G Glass, 29th May, '02. 22—John Gates, October, '01; W S Lee, 4th January, '02; Thomas Thompson, 17th February, '02; R Douglas 9th March, '02; George Fraser, 26th June, '02. 25—R C McHarris, 6th January, '02; V. R. Harris, 26th January, '02; A J Boyd, April, '02; D R Searth, 15th May, '02; 26—J Hoffman, 14th May, '02. 27—J E Dallyn, 22nd September, '01; W R Powell, 24th September, '01; W H Gillard, 26th October, '01; John Pearce, 29th October, '01; T S Sylvanus, 10th April, '02. 30—R Snow, 20th February, '02; E J Johnson, 5th June, '02. 32—J Nicholson, 23rd July, '01; J Taylor, 22nd January '02; D Robinson, 25th April, '02; A J Adams, 17th March, '02. 37—William Hook, 11th February, '02; A Rumsey, 26th June, '01. 38—L Roenick, 1st December, '01; G H Gordon, 21st April, '02; J W Cunningham, 1st May, '02. 40—H W Hedges, 5th December, '01; W Mayo, 7th December, '01; S C Malcolmson, 9th December, '01; W R Job, 11th February, '02; F W Kerr, 15th April, '02; G Heilig, 22nd June, '02. 41—C G Fox, 27th January, '01; C L Beard, 3rd March, '02; J Coniam, 12th May '02. 42—Samuel Wilkins, 12th April, '01. 44—J H Still, 24th June, '02; T Ward, 10th January, '02; T H Lorrey, 22nd Jan., '02; 45—John Findlay, 2 st April, '02. 46—R Stephenson, 15th February, '01; J C McKay, 18th May, '01; L B Springsteen, 3rd July, '01; Wm Carlile, 16th Sept., '01. 47—R. Purser, 21st July, '01; J W Carmichael, 19th September, '01; H H Ellis, 4th April, '02. 48—Wm Kerr. 52—E D Parker, 2nd June, '02. 55—J B Davis, 17th February, '01; T Merrick, 4th September, '01; S Pettipiece, 22nd May, '02. 55—S H Vint, 17th November, '01. 58—Samuel Rothwell, 3rd October, '01; J McCarthy, 23rd February, '02. 61—S J Whitehead, 20th April, '02; M A Kerr, 23rd April, '02. 62—Jas Aldridge, 24th September, '01. 63—M Towns, 18th March,

02. 64—L H Ingram, January, '01; R B Hungerford, 9th September, '01; R H Honner, 4th July, '01; J H Ferguson, 12th November, '01. 65—G A Rose, 15th September, '01; K Swan, 3rd November, '01; G C Husband, 29th March, '02; F Gallow, 25th April, '02. 66—J R Reid, 30th January, '00. 72—W P Robinson, 20th December, '01. 73—J Stafford, 20th August, '01; Ed Long, 14th January, '02. 74—A Shipman, 5th November, '01. 75—Wm Foster, 1st July, '01; Alex Fiddes, 1st November, '01. 76—D Mathews, 7th March, '02; H Thornton, 13th May, '02. 77—J J Irwin, 24th September, '01; W H Hopkins, 22nd April, '02. 78—Thos Snarcy, 8th April '02. 79—Alvin Orton, 19th January, '02. 81—W Whitteker, 23rd July, '01; J B Burwell, 2nd February, '02. 83—S Lighthouse, 17th September, '01. 84—J J McLaughlin, 23rd June, '01; J W Chidley, 16th August, '02. 88—T Coleman, 21st July, '01; D R Dobie, 17th July, '00; T J Gordon, 3rd January, '02. 90—T Collins, 25th September, '01. 91—Alex Pink, 9th April, '02; Wm Coxall, 25th May, '02. 92—R V Matthews, 30th November, '01. 93—Jos Sidden, 96—Robt King, 23rd July, '01. 97—C H Lepard, 2nd October, '01; J C McCarty, 16th May, '02. 98—R A Davidson, 26th November, '01. 100—T A Wardell, 5th April, '02. 101—R C McHarrie, 6th January, '02; H Denpe, 6th May, '02. 104—W J Beattie, 7th January, '02; I Haight, 14th January, '02. 106—A McDonald, 17th Oct., '01. 107—Wm L Ode, 13th May, '02; J Banghart, 26th June, '02. 110—J H Whitney, 12th August, '01; E W Lane, 12th August, '01; W C Dinwoodie, 29th April, '02. 114—J N Lefour, 13th August, '01. 115—D Scott, 17th May, '02; 121—H Lemon, 10th April, '02. 123—S P Knight, 26th November, '01; S McElwrath, 22nd July, '01; J Turniclife, 7th August, '01; J R Wilson, 29th January, '02; M M Thompson, 12th March, '02. 125—E A Graveley, 17th January, '01; G A Guy, 31st October, '01; A L Wagner, 13th February, '02. 127—John Sine, 17th April, '02. 129—Albert Hatt, 12th October, '01; J W Crossley, 10th May, '02. 135—J Barber, 14th December, '01; W McPherson, 26th October, '01. 136—A C Martin, 15th March, '02; Jas Bowman, 30th July, '02. 137—A Skinner, 12th November, '01. 139—W H Ford, 30th January, '02. 140—H Martin, 16th April, '02. 144—S Beattie, 25th January, '02; Jno Caister, 15th March, '02; A Hepburn, 2nd April, '02; E Packert, 4th May, '02. 145—J W Whitefield, 147—R Burns, 9th May, '02. 148—John Balfour, 13th April, '01. 154—J W Ferguson, 5th March, '02. 155—R S Davidson, 1st August, '01; G Munro, 18th August, '01; T Lee, 19th November, '01; K J Fife, 20th December, '01; G H Noble, 27th April, '02. 166—W K Secord, '01. 168—W E Barker, 4th November, '01. 170—D Wilson, 26th August, '01. 172—H Baxter, 30th December, '01; J Murray, 5th June, '02. 174—J H Tennant, 11th September, '02. 177—J Castile, 11th July, '01; W G Workman, 2nd July, '01; J L Whillans, 23rd August, '01; S Brandon, 10th June, '02. 178—Thos Bond, 25th January, '02. 185—F A Nelles, 26th July, '01. 190—A C McIntyre, 22nd September, '01; Jno Durand, 15th January, '02. 194—P Barclay, 21st April, '02. 195—L T Lawrence, 25th July, '01; R B Hungerford, 9th September, '01; E B White, 14th October, '01. 197—F S O'Connor, 16th August, '01; W A McLean, 17th August, '01; W G Stovel, 11th Nov., '01. 203—W A B McDonald, 11th Sept., '01; E Sanders, 15th Aug., '01. 205—Robt Corrie, 2nd May, '01. 209a—Wm Martin, 2nd Feb., '01; Wm Moore, 1st April, '01; C McDonald, 2nd Dec., '01; A Bremmer, 29th June, '01. 212—A Milligan, 3rd Feb., '02. 215—Jno Roblin, 16th May, '02. 216—Wm Still, 26th Dec., '01. 217—G Hagerman, 28th March, '02. 218—Wm Sawyer, 4th Feb., '01; T H Little, 25th April, '01; J Atkinson 3rd December, '01; J Morrison, 28th August, '01; F J Allgeo, 31 December, '01; Jas Smith 22nd January, '02. 219—E Pease, 25th January, '02. 221—R Campbell, 30th June, '01. 224—John Pope, 18th June, '02. 228—G A Wright, 21st February, '02. 229—T B Parker, 24th June, '01; J Parker, 14th March, '02; J H Standing, 7th February, '02. 230—E B Harper, 4th February, '02; G S Miller, 14th August, '01. 231—J McCarthy, 23rd February, '02. 233—George Christie, 7th March, '02. 237—George Thornton, 26th October, '01. 243—Alf Kitchen, 2nd July, '01. 245—David Pickard, 28th March, '01. 247—F Robertson, 20th November, '01. 249—J H McMullen, 26th May, '02. 256—S Shaver, 14th April, '02. 257—H D McConachie, 5th September, '01; J Shupe, 29th October, '01. A H Cranstone, 27th June, '02. 262—P A Hardy, 1st November, '01. 263—J Greenough, 15th December, '01; H Lester, 8th March, '02. 264—Jas Healey, 17th April, '01. 270—J F Wilcox, 1st July, '01; E I Rowse, 23rd June, '02. 272—A McLagan, 1st January, '02. 279—R Pratt, 9th October, '01. 283—A N Vanorman, 10th January, '02. 284—J A Creighton, 24th March, '01. 285—Geo Dales, 4th January, '02. 287—G M Francis, 3rd February, '02. 290—T B McCormack, 16th January, '02. 291—G Watt, 12th April, '02. 293—N Lanterstein, 15th May, '01. 296—W McE Scott, 28th August, '01. 299—J W Bell, July, '01. 302—F Duncombe, 2nd September, '01. 307—Jno Dallas, 21st July, '01. 311—E B Harris, 30th September, '00. 312—D B McDonald, 11th July, '01; S C Davis, 21st August, '01; A McKelvey, 23rd Nov., '01. 314—Jno Bugg, 15th Feb., '02. 315—J D Allan, 10th Feb., '02. 316—F Mann, October, '01; F Qua, 25th Jan., '02; S Richards, 2nd April, '02; J J Blain, 3rd June, '02. 320—A Staalmeyer, 20th June, '02. 322—S Egerton, 15th April, '02.

324—J J McKenzie, 23rd October, '01. 325—J Jackson, 15th December, '01. 326—H Pringle, 7th October, '01. W P Lumbers, 24th May, '02. 330—Wm Wanless, 6th May, '02. 332—E Hodgins, 7th July, '01; E A Cawsey, 1st May, 1902; G A Enony, 8th June, '02. 334—Thos Towns, 28th March, '02. 337—R Stevenson, 49th December, '01. 339—C G Collins, 23rd September, '01; J D Simlin, 6th October, '01; Thos. Allen, 11th March, '02. 341—M L McKinnon, 17th November, '01. 344—Jno Durand, 11th January, '02. J R L Waugh, February, '02. 346—W Middleton, 28th September, '01; A Gourlay, 3rd April, '02; G Groves, 19th May, '02. 348—Jno O'Donnell, 18th May, '01. 349—Jno Sharpe, 29th December, '01. 357—J Cummins Flatt, 25th December, 1901. 359—Albert Sharp, 15th April, '02. 361—C S Walker, 10th October, '01; J H Naismith, 18th September, '01. 367—Arch Grant, 24th May, '02. 368—J D Smith, 14th November, '01. 369—Chas Ware, 14th October, '01. 371—Wm F Pratt, 18th September, '01. 372—A E Patrick, 3rd February, '02. 376—Wm Beswick, 15th August, '01; Jno S Gouldie, June, '01. 377—R H McMaster, 15th July, '01. 380—R B Hungerford, 9th September, '01; Alex Burr, 4th August, '01. 382—Wm Hand, 11th October, '01; R. Mitchell, 6th December, '01; F G Mosher, 29th March, '02; Hy Kuntz, 4th June, '02. 384—Jas Welsh, 27th June, '01; F Oakley, 7th May, '02. 389—J B Davis, 15th February, '01; Geo Reynolds, 15th April, '01. 393—Jas. Brown, 395—J N Marshall, 7th August, 1901. 400—T Mulholland, 21st July, '01; H M Henr., 1st May, '02. 404—Jas Herchner, 25th October, '01. 405—R H S Hardy, 25th Aug., '01. 409—Geo E Webster, 14th June, '02. 411—A D Campbell, June, '01; A Humphrey, 15th February, '02. 412—C S Lake, 22nd October, '01. 415—Robt J Armstrong, 10th September, '02. 417—J McPherson, 10th October, '01; J McLeod, 15th January, '02. 419—W Slocum, 7th October, '01; W Mitchell, 6th March, '02. 424—Wm McCausland, 28th March, '02. 426—C C Goring, 2nd June, '02. 427—A J Green, 23rd November, '01. 430—Fred Denne, 10th September, '01. 441—W H. Fedenburgh, 22nd October, '01. 443—Jas A Porter, 6th May, '02. 444—Wm I Hisey, 16th November, '01. 449—Daniel Reid, 23rd February, '02.

RESTORATIONS, 1901-1902.

No. 2—F Whitwell. 3—Jno Waddell. 5—P J Pack. 6—D Fitzgerald. 9—F Shelden, R W Paul. 11—W Gordon. 14—R Burke. 15—Fred C Wheeler. 18—S Brisbin, Geo L Hough, W H Orchard. 20—M E Nugent. 22—F A Sinclair. 26—H B Hall. 40—W G McAndrew, R Unsworth. 41—Geo Elliott, C Tofflemind, D Ryall. 44—W J Robb, R S Beattie. 47—Thos Robertson. 48—S F Weaver, S Marryatt. 52—C Ryan. 62—John W Lawrence. 64—John A Stewart. 68—W A Smith. 69—Wm Gay. J McCurdy. 72—F Smith, R Henderson R Marshall, Wm Pennock. 73—W Steele. 74—G A Donnelly. 76—W J Baird. 78—F R Foster. 82—Hy Penton. 86—A H Bottomley. 90—W Bain. 91—S Chapin. C W Crandell. A B Wessels. L F Purdy. 93—W M Williams. 94—J G Long. 96—R J Fraser. 97—F Robinson, M B Douglas. 98—R. Clairidge. 100—E A Woodhouse. 103—A E Hume, Jno Arbuthnot. 105—F Leblonde, W A Morningstar. 113—J C Messecar. 114—A Sainsbury. 121—R England, H Storey. 125—Alex Woodward. 129—T G Holme, Geo T King. 131—H S Scott. 136—S J Clarkson. 137—A W Howe. 139—G C Black. C F Gibbs. 140—Chas James. 143—G Barclay, N A Bottom. 148—T N E Christie, W A Cross. 153—Geo W Slaughter. 154—D J McCosh. 157—A Gilbert. 162—R Ross, W Stinson. 164—E B Keith. 177—W H Bullen. 181—E P M Titus. 184—A McCuaig. 185—S Knight, W Clarke. 192—R J Sanderson, L Harry. 193—Chas Day. 196—A R McLachlin. 200—J K McLean. 203—Daniel Ratz. 209a—O G Bayley, A Rolfe, R G Balmer. 218—E E King D O McAuliffe, A Auchincloss, P Beanerere, J A Currie. 221—W McCleary. J Harriman, A E Kaiser. Jas Upper. 225—Jno Riggs, A Katall. 228—P A Mabee. 231—W H Cuddie. 236—C W Black-tock, H Fraser. 238—F Brock, W Witty. 242—J R Quincey. 245—J Brown, D Boam. 250—K Murray. 256—S P Slat. 257—W Grant, J Allison. 261—Thos Callan. 262—A Dulanage. 265—A N Hewitt, D Duncan. 267—C J Brodie. 271—C A McRae. 272—T F Rodwell. 279—A Brydon. 286—S G Cox, W H Mainprize. 287—G A Fullarton, R E Mitchell. 290—V Daugharty. 295—J C Hefkey, Geo Hambly, J Willoughby. 299—L Bell, E J Williams, J Shannon. 302—S Estlick, H Hart, T Pinfold, E P C Pinfold, N Love. 311—C Medforth. 313—W A Fraser, S W Courtis, W N Robertson. 316—J F Davidson, A A Knox, W F Henderson. 320—S W McDonald. 322—C Robertson. 323—W D McIntyre. 326—G W Nickels. 331—M Wilson. 338—W Misener, J R Tisdale. 339—W McKay, W A Verner, J W Mallory. 343—G A Perry. 346—A Baldwin. 367—Jno Magill, H I Smith. 373—H J Gibson. 376—R H Menzies, J Crawford. 377—A V Galbraith. 382—A W Brice. 384—Thos G Cooper. 385—W W Ellis. 391—G G McRobbie, J A C Anderson. 394—C Brock. 396—R D Farley. 400—W Ashton. 402—D G Austin. 403—J W Hanna. 406—W McKelvey, M Brown. 410—Jos C Clark. 412—D J Elliott, C S Lake, John Wright. 415—R Gass, A McAllen, J R McNabb, Geo R Baulk, W Newcombe. 420—C M Ferguson, Jas Holditch. 423—R A Lamb, W W Kennedy. 427—H A West, J E Mullin. 438—H M East, A B Armstrong, W H Cooper, J C Cockburn. 440—W McKelvie.

In Memoriam.

Most Worshipful Brother

RICHARD BECHER HUNGERFORD,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Died 9th September, A. D. 1901.

Right Worshipful Brother

ROBERT KING,

Past Master Corinthan Lodge, No. 96, Barrie; P. D. D. G. M.
Georgian District, No. 9.

Died 23rd July, A. D. 1901.

Right Worshipful Brother

ALVIN ORTON,

Past Master of Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford; P. D. D. G. M.
Georgian District, No. 9.

Died 19th January, A. D. 1902.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Brother

J. T. McKILLOP,

Past Master of The Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville;
P. D. D. G. M. Erie District, No. 1.

Died 6th April, A. D. 1902.

Right Worshipful Brother

E. D. PARLOW,

Past Master of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa; P. D. D. G. M.
Ottawa District, No. 16.

Died 2nd June, A. D. 1902.

Right Worshipful Brother

ADAM CRANSTON,

Past Master of Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt; P. D. D. G. M.
Wellington District, No. 7.

Died 27th June, A. D. 1902.

In Memoriam.

Very Worshipful Brother

JAMES QUIGG,

Past Master of Sussex Lodge, No. 5 Brockville ;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 6th November, A. D. 1901.

Very Worshipful Brother

W. S. LEE,

Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto ;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 4th January, A. D. 1902.

Very Worshipful Brother

W. R. HARRIS

Past Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto ;
Past Assistant Grand Secretary.

Died 26th January, A. D. 1902.

In Memoriam.

Very Worshipful Brother

WM. YOUNG,

Past Master of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham ;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 14th February, A. D. 1902.

Very Worshipful Brother

FRANCIS GALLOW,

Past Master of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto ;
Past Grand Junior Deacon.

Died 25th April, A. D. 1902.

Very Worshipful Brother

JACOB HOFFMAN,

Past Master of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope ;
Past Grand Sword Bearer.

Died 14th May, A. D. 1902.

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" J. S. Fraser	St. Thomas	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
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" David Jones	Welland	" C. W. G. Grout	Lyn
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THE GRAND TYLER.

Bro. John Pritchard, Toronto.

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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1902

Report on Correspondence

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada :

The annual report of the Committee on Correspondence is presented herewith.

Within the limited space placed at the disposal of the Committee, it is impossible to indulge in any extended comments on the many and various important matters appearing in the Proceedings of Grand Lodges. The most that can be done is to try and give the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada a fair view of what is going on in the Masonic World. A somewhat lengthened experience in this line has probably enabled your Committee to seize upon the salient points, to give as much information as possible, and at the same time make the report readable. The selections will, it is hoped, be found interesting and sufficiently important to justify their perusal.

ALABAMA.

81st Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 3, 1901.

Russell M. Cunningham, G.M.

He reports twelve new lodges and says :

There has been a larger number of new Lodges organized than in recent years. There has also been a larger number of accessions, I am confident, than in the past. This is in part due to the prosperity throughout the State, but mostly, in my opinion, to the more general recognition of the merits of Masonry. There seems to be, pretty generally, harmony and peace among the Lodges and brethren. There is, however, great room for improvement in these particulars. I am of the opinion that there is not sufficient observance of our Masonic obligations to each other, in the matter of our good name and in promoting good feeling and brotherly love among Masons. A great deal can be done in this direction if we only observe and do our duty.

In reply to the proposal of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland to establish an "International Masonic Office," the Grand Lodge decided not to take any active steps in the movement.

The question of establishing a Masonic Home received further consideration. An amendment to the Constitution was submitted to the lodges for approval or rejection. This amendment provides for a tax of \$1.50 per member for five years, \$1 of which shall go to the support of the Home, and after five years, a tax of \$1 per member, of which 50 cents shall go to the Home.

A proposal to compel an unaffiliated brother to apply for membership within one year was negatived.

Bro. W. Y. Titcomb reviews our Proceedings of 1900 and 1901, referring to the address of Grand Master Malone as "able and truly Masonic." We copy his concluding remarks:

While it would be a piece of unwarrantable presumption on our part to think for one moment that we could throw any new light on those questions, which have been exercising the minds of our most profound thinkers, lo these many years, still, for the benefit of one or two knights of the quill, who have expressed a desire to hear from us; doubtless that, if they find us weak, loosely put together, they may pounce upon us and give us a good shaking, just as a big mastiff shakes the life out of a small canine which has antagonized him, we will barely state a few points of our "Credo."

We do not believe in Cipher Ritual.

We do believe in the necessity for the actual presence of the Charter.

We do not believe in the perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, when the said material has moved out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge under which the rejection occurred.

We do not believe in the doctrine of dependent membership.

We do believe that all dimits should be without recommendation.

We do not believe that the requirement as to time in conferring degrees should be dispensed with, under any circumstances.

We do believe that Grand Lodge should, with strong grip, choke the life out of political methods—canvassing for office, etc.

We do believe in placing a higher estimate on brains and heart than on fingers and toes.—But enough of this.

The evidences of prosperity, advancement and exercise of noble charity by our Grand Brotherhood, are patent to every attentive observer.

The array of magnificent Masonic charities in the United States is indeed an imposing one, while the systematic be-

nevolence of England and Canada challenge the admiration of the Masonic world.

Free Masonry's plane is high above that of her traducers. These may shoot their arrows of envy and malevolence as they please, but their barbed shafts fall short of the mark.

Furthermore we undertake to affirm that, as God's sunlight falls on seething corruption, without receiving the least contamination, so the light of true Free Masonry illuminates the dark recesses of sin and misery with its healthful rays, and returns without spot or blemish.

And here we close with the wish that our brethren may be prosperous and happy, and finally be admitted into that "Temple not made with hands—eternal in the Heavens."

Lodges, 389; members, 12,782; increase, 672.

Russell M. Cunningham (Ensley), G.M.

Geo. A. Beauchamp (Montgomery), G.S.

ARIZONA.

20th Communication, Prescott, Nov. 12, 1901.

George Montague, G.M.

He reports a most prosperous year. A new lodge was formed at Yuma.

Representatives were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

On Masonry in Mexico, the Correspondence Committee made the following special report:

In relation to Mexican Masonry we feel that we cannot but regret that the hopes which many had nourished, that the organization of the Gran Dieta would serve to regularize the practice of Freemasonry in that country, have not been realized. We believe that a strong restraining power is needed to control the system and keep it within due bounds among that people, and we trust that the efforts to establish properly constituted Grand Lodges, which must undoubtedly follow the disbandment of the Gran Dieta, will soon prove successful, and that we may realize at an early date that such a Grand Lodge, or Grand Lodges, are in such condition as to become worthy members of the family of recognized Grand Lodges of the world. At present we are of the opinion that the course indicated by our Most Worshipful Grand Master will best subserve the interests of our Order, and therefore recommend that the question of recognition of the Grand Lodge del Valle de Mexico be postponed for further consideration.

The following resolution was adopted:

In view of the fact that some dissatisfaction and unrest prevails throughout this Grand Lodge jurisdiction in regard to the Ritual and its dissemination to the several Lodges, and with the intent to give the whole subject that thorough discussion which its importance demands, be it

Resolved, That the Worshipful Masters of the several chartered Lodges for the ensuing year be constituted a committee for the purpose of fully discussing the changes desired, if any, and for the purpose of devising some plan whereby all the Lodges may be fully instructed in the work or Ritual.

Furthermore, That the Grand Lecturer shall be the Chairman and the Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary of said committee; and,

Further, That it shall be the duty of said committee to make such observation, by correspondence and contact, as will enable each individual brother to be fully informed of the subject and necessities of their several Lodges.

Further, That it shall be the duty of said committee to make full and complete report at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Chas. D. Belden. In his review of Canada for 1901, we find the following remarks. We cannot agree with him that it is our duty as Masons to prosecute a member who renounces Freemasonry. He is just as much entitled to have his opinion about the Order as we are to have ours:

Our excellent brother seems to have permitted a rather frequent fallacy to have overcome him while criticising the California decision that "an attempt to renounce Masonry is an offense and should be punished." He has taken the ground that Masonry requires perfect freedom of action and thought—and argues upon that assumption literally. But that expression is fallacious. Freemasonry does not allow or require perfect freedom of thought except within certain due bounds—there are certain definite restrictions—as, for instance, we demand a belief in God as the basis of all thought. This same expression, "perfect freedom of thought," is the staple argument of the atheist, the madman and the fool. It is the argument used by every one who seeks for license to break the bounds of civilization and other restraining influences. It leads to intemperance and excess in all things unless discreetly controlled. We have had a national lesson in "perfect freedom of thought" during the past summer. It was that unrestrained license which the anarchist claimed had no restrictions and which, having been permitted by our liberal laws, nourished and developed a viper that wantonly murdered our beloved brother, President William McKinley. It is sad, indeed, that such lessons are necessary, but they are, and the sooner we take the teachings to heart the better it will be for mankind.

Of the member that desires to renounce Masonry, he says, "There is no reason why such a member should not be permitted to depart in peace." Yes, there is, a great and sufficient reason, and for that matter many reasons. We have no right to sit tamely by while a man that has been a pupil of ours publicly renounces us. We have the honor and re-

pute of our Order to maintain. It is an insult to our intelligence that a man shall have been taught by us for a while and then renounces us, and much as we may prefer to let the mouthings and pratings of all such go by unheeded, yet we, as the avowed advocates of this philanthropic Order, have a public as well as a private duty to perform. The minister of a Christian church who fails to combat the atheist who is sowing the seeds of dissension in his parish is unworthy the name of pastor. And when one who has been a member of our Order attempts to renounce Masonry it becomes our duty to denounce him.

While scanning the portraits that embellish this volume we are pleased to look our good Bro. Robertson in the face. He shows that he is brim full of good nature and believes every one else should be. He is an ornament to Masonry; may he be long spared to us.

Lodges, 17; members, 939; increase, 111.

John J. Sweeney (Phoenix), G.M.

George J. Roskrige (Tucson), G.S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

30th Communication, Nelson, June 20, 1901.

Harry H. Watson, G.M.

The Grand Master visited all but four lodges, traveling nearly 4,000 miles to do so. A new lodge was opened at Fernie, East Kootenay. The Master of the lodge at Golden (which was moved there from Donald), lives 100 miles away, and rides to and from the meetings on horseback, taking two days each way. The Grand Master thinks that the removal was a wise one, as he has seldom seen so much enthusiasm displayed as by the brethren at Golden.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognised.

The request for recognition from the National Grand Orient of Egypt was denied, as it seems to be a Scottish Rite body, and not a supreme governing body with exclusive control over the symbolic degrees.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

M. W. Bro. John Corson Smith, P.G.M. of Illinois, was made a life honorary member of the Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith was appointed Historian of the Grand Lodge. He is likewise the Reporter on Foreign Correspondence.

Canada for 1900 receives his fraternal attention.

Lodges, 32; members, 1,978; increase, 89.

F. McB. Young (Nanaimo), G.M.

W. J. Quinlan (Nelson), G.S.

CALIFORNIA.

52nd Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 8, 1901.

James A. Foshay, G.M.

The year was marked by general prosperity. We quote two paragraphs from this excellent address:

In my visits to the different parts of the State, I am pleased to note that our brethren are almost invariably observing the rules of temperance and sobriety. The officers of the Lodges seem to realize that they are in a large degree accountable for the conduct of the members of their Lodges, and are themselves examples of those virtues which every Mason should possess.

The Grand Lecturer reports a year of hard work, but of splendid results, a marked improvement in the work, a better attendance and an increased interest on the part of the members.

There are 83 inmates in the Home, and the average expense for each inmate for the year was \$14.71 per month.

A peculiar case of expulsion is reported, where the accused entered the preparation room and took money out of the candidate's coat. The committee say that "he evidently believed it was his duty to see that the candidate was properly prepared."

Amendments to the Constitution were adopted to enable a member to transfer his membership, by affiliation, from one lodge to another, without the risk of becoming a non-affiliated Mason by the rejection of his application for membership in another lodge.

Bro. Wm. A. Davies reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1900.

Lodges, 271; members, 22,776; increase, 1,197.

William S. Wells (Martinez), G.M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G.S.

COLORADO.

41st Communication, Denver, Sept. 17, 1901.

Joseph W. Milsom, G.M.

The death is announced of their Grand Secretary, E. C. Parmelee, who was active in every branch of the work for 37 years and was greatly esteemed and beloved.

The condition of the Craft is in every way satisfactory. Three new lodges were formed.

On Masonic literature, the Grand Master says:

Reading good Masonic literature makes bright and enthusiastic Masons: it makes useful and working members. If the Masters of Lodges, in the absence of degree work at their regular communications, would employ the time in having some good clear voiced brother read any first-class Masonic work, they would soon experience a revival of interest in their meetings, as well as a largely increased attendance. And so, as the first step along this line, I earnestly recommend and urge that every Lodge in this jurisdiction adopt measures to establish a Lodge library; making a beginning, if only with half a dozen volumes: an outlay of a few dollars at the start with the addition of a few more from time to time as it can be spared, would in a few short years procure for each Lodge a rich treasury of Masonic reading for the information and improvement of its members.

The following resolution was adopted:

That a Benevolent Fund be founded to be a trust fund to be invested for the benefit of old or indigent brothers, their widows and orphans, and that 10 per cent. of the revenue of this Grand Lodge be annually transferred to three trustees to invest for that purpose, the revenue from the fund to be appropriated for charitable purposes in accordance with the by-laws controlling this fund.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, and reviews Canada for 1900. On the connection between operative and speculative Freemasonry, Bro. Greenleaf says:

It is plainly set forth in our lectures that whereas we work in Speculative, our ancient brethren wrought in both Operative and Speculative Masonry. We believe this to be no mere idle vagary but a demonstrable fact, evidence of which is constantly accumulating. We have cited in a previous report the fact that within the body of the old London Company of operative Masons, it had been discovered that there was a Lodge of speculative Masons, whose existence until recently had never been surmised. Evidence has also been adduced to show that among the Mason Builders of the Middle Ages, there were Lodges in connection with their operative work, where secret rites were practiced, in which the intelligent few participated and to which the great body of workers were not admitted. Operative and Speculative Masonry thus went hand in hand from time immemorial, and it was not until the half century immediately preceding the 1717 period that we discover any evidences of a separation. The breach during the time above mentioned had been gradually widening, doubtless owing to the admission of those not connected with the operative art. Whatever the latent cause, certain it is that after the organization of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, the separation was complete and the union forever dissolved. The revival of Speculative Masonry in 1717 is so well authenticated as a fact, and so generally accepted by Masonic investigators, that no argument on that point is deemed necessary.

Bro. Greenleaf also says that it is evident that only the larger jurisdictions can successfully carry on a Masonic Home, and that the accumulation of a Charity Fund would seem to be more desirable for the smaller jurisdictions.

Lodges, 98; members, 8,895; increase, 417.

George D. Kennedy (Colorado Springs), G.M.

William D. Todd (Denver), G.S.

CONNECTICUT.

114th Communication, Hartford, January 15, 1902.

Frederick S. Stevens, G.M.

Full reports were received from the District Deputies, showing the lodges to be in a most prosperous condition.

An amendment to the Regulations reads as follows:

1. The use of the word Masonic or of any other word relating to Free and Accepted Masonry in connection with any business or secular matter be and the same is hereby expressly prohibited.

2. Any Mason exhibiting Masonic emblems upon signs, places of business, advertisements, cards, flags, or banners, other than in Masonic processions, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct and may be tried for such offense.

The business transacted was local in interest.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1901.

Lodges, 110; members, 17,730; increase, 333.

Arthur C. Wheeler (Norwalk), G.M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G.S.

COSTA RICA.

Freemasonry was first introduced into Costa Rica in 1865, when the Grand Orient of New Grenada chartered a lodge to work in San Jose. In 1867 another lodge was formed under the Grand Lodge of Cuba. In 1870 two other lodges appear, and in 1871 a Grand Orient and Supreme Council was formed. In 1875, owing to political conditions, Masonry there became dormant until 1883, when the Grand Orient was revived. In 1887 the Grand Orient and Supreme Council were transferred to Guatemala and the lodges in Costa Rica became extinct.

In 1888 the Grand Orient of Central America (Guatemala), issued a warrant for a lodge in San Jose, and for other lodges in 1892, 1897, 1898 and 1899.

Owing to the great difficulty in communicating with the Grand Orient in Guatemala, and to meet the growing exigencies of the Craft in Costa Rica, a movement was set on foot in 1899 to constitute a ruling body of Craft Masonry in Costa Rica, which was happily consummated on December 7 of that year, when all lodges in Costa Rica joined in the formation of the Grand Lodge, adopted a Constitution and elected as their first Grand Master Bro. Arthur G. M. Gillott.

At the next meeting on December 16, 1899, new warrants were issued to the four old lodges and one new lodge.

In the following May the Grand Secretary was directed to reply to certain enquiries from Louisiana, which reply was in part as follows:

(2) With regard to exclusive right over Craft Freemasonry; we propose to maintain this right against all comers. We have notified the Supreme Council of Central America of the organization of this Grand Lodge, and its claim to independence, and are waiting their reply: from informal information we are given to understand that they are willing to renounce their authority over Craft F. M. in this country; indeed their own Constitutions bind them to this course, whenever a Grand Lodge shall be founded in either of the Republics of Central America. In any case we shall maintain our claim to independence and sovereign authority; we shall denounce as spurious and irregular all Craft Lodges in this Republic that do not obtain charters from the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

(3) Claiming sovereign authority in our own jurisdiction, we therefore uphold all Sister Bodies in a like claim, and shall refuse Masonic intercourse with brethren holding under an interloping body, as well as fraternal recognition of such body; but, in a jurisdiction, where at the time of the constitution of a Grand Lodge, there already existed Lodges which preferred to remain under the Grand Lodge that chartered them, we recognize those existing Lodges; for instance, as in the case of the Lodges under the English Constitution that refused to join in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; however, we should not recognize any further invasion of their (such) territory.

It also appears that they display the Great Lights on their altars and refuse recognition of all Masons not obligated thereon. Their Masonic attitude is governed by that of the Grand Lodges of England and Iowa, on whose principles their Constitution and Code are based.

Quarterly Communication, May 31, 1901.

The representative system was adopted.

The following amendment to the Code was adopted:

Within the space of three days after a petition for initiation or affiliation has been read in any Lodge, the secretary of that Lodge shall advise the other Lodges of the jurisdiction thereof in order that they may afford such information as they may deem advisable; and no ballot shall take place before forty days shall have elapsed from the reading of the petition. Provided that, should all the Lodges and the Committee of Investigation have reported favorably the ballot may be taken without awaiting the full term.

Annual Communication, San Jose, January 31, 1902.
Manuel Aragon, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master is brief and business-like. He reports two new lodges and the loss of one old one. The lodges are pursuing their Masonic career in a satisfactory manner. Representatives were exchanged with eight American Grand Lodges. We copy his conclusion:

On January 27th, 1901, a Decree was issued forbidding the publication of Masonic matter without the previous permission of the Grand Lodge. I need not point out at length the reasons for this step, since the printed or written page is one of the means of the transmission of thought, it is necessary to watch carefully that all ideas be correctly clothed, and that none but ripe and well digested matter be circulated; the discussion of Masonic affairs should avoid the animus which at times characterizes controversy in profane matters.

Our archives are jealously preserving such notices as we receive from other jurisdictions whose impartial criticisms are ever welcome; it is their support and sympathetic appreciation which evince that there exists, in the relations between our Grand Bodies, a cordiality cemented by our unity of purpose and by the similarity of means used to attain these ends.

As the secretary's and treasurer's reports await your attention, I shall close this address by recommending to your consideration:

1. The desirability of the Grand Lodge founding a Masonic Library; I would suggest that an appropriation be made sufficient to provide for book-cases and for the binding and preservation of such printed matter as may become the property of the Grand Lodge, and I would further recommend the appointment of a librarian.

It behoves us to carefully and systematically accumulate Masonic literature—so easily obtainable in these days—which will serve to increase our knowledge, not only of Jurisprudence and Ritual, but also of the development of our progressive art to meet the exigencies of modern life and to harmonize itself with the trend of contemporaneous thought.

2. The necessity of appointing a committee whose duty it shall be to inspect the records and books of the subordinate Lodges in order to see that their work is conducted with regularity and that errors may be corrected.

3. The advisability of publishing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1901 and distributing copies to the other jurisdictions, both as an evidence of our vitality and as our modest contribution to the history of the development of the Institution.

It was resolved to publish the Proceedings in both Spanish and English.

There are seven subordinate lodges, with a total membership of 188. Five of the lodges are in San Jose and the other two in Port Limon. Two of the five in San Jose were chartered at this session.

Ricardo Mora F. (San Jose), G.M.

Edmond A. Osborne (San Jose), G.S.

CUBA.

The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba has issued the following:

WARNING.

To all Grand Lodges and other Regular Governing Bodies of Free and Accepted Masons of the World:

The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, the only regular and legitimate body of primitive symbolic Masonry existing in this country, and working but the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason; sole continuator of the Grand Lodge of Colon, established in 1859 by Masons proceeding from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Louisiana, such Grand Lodges being the originators of our primitive Lodges; in amity with the Mother Grand Lodge of England and with the other Grand Lodges and regular Masonic bodies of the Universe; regrets to call the attention of the Masonic world about a clandestine group recently created in this country by a few spurious lodges formed by spontaneous generation and which calls itself the Grand Oriente Nacional Cubano.

This group of clandestine Masons created under the protection of civil laws which have nothing established against illegal Masons, has been formed to interrupt the Masonic peace in the Island of Cuba, exactly as has already been done in Ohio, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania and many other Grand Lodges of Europe and America, ignoring and maliciously trespassing upon principles and laws of the Masonic Fraternity.

The boldness of these unscrupulous supporters of such clandestine body has gone as far as to solicit recognition from foreign Grand Lodges, trying to surprise those brethren, whom they consider misinformed regarding the affairs of Cuban Masonic History.

The so-called Grand Oriente Nacional Cubano is a hybrid and mixed up group of clandestine, androgynous Masons, formed into Lodges, Chapters, Consistories and other Scottish Rite bodies. All their Lodges being dependent of bodies

of from the 4th to the 33rd degree and most of the Masons composing them come from the irregular Lodges which existed here in former times under the dependence of the several Spanish Grand Orients.

We, therefore, respectfully call the attention of our foreign brethren towards the Gran Oriente Nacional Cubano to the end that they may not be surprised by such an irregular, spurious assembly of clandestine Masons.

AURELIO MIRANDA, G.S.

Havana, Cuba, June 30th, 1901.

DELAWARE.

95th Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 2, 1901.

Joseph Stuart, G.M.

He declined to allow the Methodists to use a Masonic Hall for the purpose of examining candidates for the ministry. He visited all the lodges, conferring degrees and exemplifying the work. He found the lodges strong and the brethren living in harmony.

A committee was appointed to arrange a program for the celebration of their one hundredth anniversary in 1906.

It was decided to continue the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, as the Grand Lodge was not satisfied that the Grand Lodge of Washington has absolutely and unequivocally receded from its former position.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Delaware, requires that each Master-elect shall have the Past Master's Degree conferred upon him, separately and alone, in a lodge of Actual Past Masters, duly assembled for that purpose before he can be installed Master.

In his notice of Canada for 1900, Bro. Lewis H. Jackson approves of the decision of Grand Master Malone that the Tyler's O.B. should be administered after the examination.

To which this writer gives his cordial endorsement. At first reading, the decision is striking, but on consideration we find that there is reason in it, and the very best reason as well as logic. An applicant for admission to a Lodge should undoubtedly first prove himself to be a Master Mason by his knowledge of the forms and ceremonies of Masonry, its signs, grips and words, etc. Then should follow the oath that he received his knowledge of the same in "a just and lawfully constituted Lodge, etc., together with his present standing. Such practice would evidently be the wisest, most logical and correct, and it would often save the feelings of an examining committee when obliged to reject a man be-

cause his scant knowledge and vague, uncertain answers are insufficient evidence to them, although he may have previously taken the Tyler's oath.

Lodges, 21; members, 2,364; increase, 44.

George M. Jones (Dover), G.M.

Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington), G.S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

91st Communication, Washington, Dec. 4, 1901.

Harry Standiford, G.M.

The death of their venerable Grand Secretary, William R. Singleton, has occasioned great sorrow. Bro. Singleton has been well known to the Craft at large for many years as one of the ablest and best informed Masonic scholars and writers we have had.

Further time was granted to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report as to the exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodges of Mexico, Costa Rica and Italy.

Intercourse was resumed with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The following embodies their rules as to the admission of visitors from other jurisdictions:

No Master Mason from another jurisdiction shall be examined or admitted to a Lodge of this jurisdiction without first producing a diploma, a certificate under seal, or a receipt for dues, from the Lodge to which he belongs, showing that he was in good standing in his Lodge within twenty-four months of the date on which he presents himself for examination and visitation; provided, that in the case of a life member, the production of his life membership certificate shall be sufficient to entitle him to examination and visitation; provided further, that when a Master Mason from another jurisdiction is personally known as such to a brother of this jurisdiction, the latter's voucher may be accepted to admit such visiting brother to a Lodge in this jurisdiction; provided further, that when a Lodge from another jurisdiction makes an official visit to a Lodge in this jurisdiction, the Worshipful Master of the visiting Lodge may vouch for the brethren accompanying him; provided further, that unaffiliated Masons visiting in accordance with section 34 of Article XX must produce their demits, on which the secretary of the Lodge visited shall endorse the date and fact of such visit.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. G. W. Baird, and reviews Canada for 1900 and 1901.

Lodges, 26; members, 6,257; increase, 368.

Malcolm Seaton (Washington), G.M.

Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G.S.

ENGLAND.

Quarterly Communication, June 5, 1901.

The grants for relief for the preceding three months are stated as over \$12,000. The sum of 500 guineas was voted to the fund being raised for a memorial to her late Majesty.

It was decided that a member could not be a subscribing member and an honorary member of the same lodge at the same time.

Quarterly Communication, Sept. 4, 1901.

The most important business appears in the following:

The Acting Grand Master (the brethren having taken their seats) next rose and said: Brethren, I have a message from the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master having received a complaint from the Grand Lodge of Denmark, that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg (not having any rights in Danish territory) had warranted a Lodge in Copenhagen, contrary to the express will of the Masonic authorities of Denmark, has caused enquiries to be made, with the result that the complaint appears to be well founded. The Grand Lodge of Denmark having further declared the Lodge so warranted to be an illegal and irregular body, and having requested that the Grand Lodge of England should take steps to acquaint English Freemasons with this fact, His Royal Highness desires that the sense of Grand Lodge should be taken on the following resolutions:

I will move:

1. That a body calling itself "Lodge Christian Zum Palm-
baum," or "Lodge Christian til Palmatroeat," and meeting in Copenhagen, having been declared illegal and irregular by the Grand Lodge of Denmark, all Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England are hereby warned that they cannot visit such irregular body, nor can any Lodge under this jurisdiction admit as a visitor or joining member any member of such irregular body, without respectively incurring the penalty attaching to a grave Masonic offence.

Perhaps the Grand Registrar will second the motion.

V. W. Brother John Strachan, K.C., Grand Registrar: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, in seconding this resolution it may be perhaps as well that I should intimate to Grand Lodge that the complaint on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Denmark was made at the instance of the Grand Master of Denmark, the Crown Prince, the brother of our beloved Queen. Our Grand Master caused enquiries to be made at once, because it appeared to be a pity that two Grand Lodges on the Continent with which we were in perfect amity, through some misunderstanding, it might be, should have this little difference. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg was communicated with to ascertain what explanation there could be of such conduct on their part if it was

correct; and I think I may summarize their explanation in these words. They say that some gentlemen—or brethren, as they style themselves—in Copenhagen, had asked to be formed into a Lodge at Copenhagen, by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, because they themselves, the applicants, did not agree with the Grand Lodge of Denmark in confining its Masonry to Christians. Not one of those applicants professed himself to be other than a Christian, and therefore I do not see the force of their reasoning. But the Grand Lodge of Hamburg thereupon, in spite of the protest of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, issued its warrant and consecrated the Lodge in the City of Copenhagen. Protests were made by the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and the Grand Lodge of Sweden passed a resolution similar to that which our Grand Master is now asking the Grand Lodge of England to adopt. The Grand Lodges of America have passed similar resolutions, many of them, and we have ascertained that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has not only contravened the Masonic rule in this respect in Denmark, but has actually warranted Lodges in the United States, in consequence of which I believe all communication has been cut off between the American Grand Lodges—at any rate many of them—and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. It is not proposed that this Grand Lodge should proceed to that extremity; all that is suggested by the Grand Master is that we should deal with that body in Copenhagen which has been declared by the Supreme Masonic authority of Denmark to be an irregular body. The Grand Master of England having satisfied himself that there is ground for the complaint which has been made, asks this Grand Lodge to pass the first resolution which you have moved, sir, and I have seconded. It may perhaps be as well to state that the principle upon which the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England act with regard to these matters, is that where an outside Masonic body attempts to warrant a Lodge within the territory which is already covered and over which the moving body, if I may term it so, has had before that time no jurisdiction whatever—where such a thing is attempted and carried out, the Lodge so warranted and consecrated is really a nullity. It does not follow that one Masonic jurisdiction can under no circumstances warrant a Lodge within another so-called jurisdiction. For instance, it might be that our Grand Lodge had certain Lodges directly under its control either in a foreign country or in one of our Colonies, and we would have a perfect right to deal with those Lodges, and if a Grand Lodge were formed in that foreign country or that colony we should still have the right, although it might be scarcely Masonic to do so—we should still have the right to warrant more Lodges unless that right were given up by treaty. But it is our custom when a new Grand Lodge is formed, and we recognize that Grand Lodge, that our Grand Master undertakes not to warrant Lodges in that territory. It might be, however, that in some foreign country, where we had Lodges, it would not be advisable to give up that acquired right on the formation of a native Grand Lodge. Take the case of Egypt, for instance, where there is a native Grand Lodge, but where

we also have a District Grand Lodge, with Lodges composed in a great measure of officials and military men, together with other English-speaking brethren, who prefer to be in Lodges working the English Ritual in the English language, under the direct supervision of the English Grand Lodge, and it might be advisable to continue that into the Soudan as necessity arose. But the present is not a case of that kind. Hamburg never had any Lodges in Denmark before the Danish Grand Lodge was formed, as we had in Egypt before there was a native Grand Lodge there. It is felt that the Masonic authorities of Denmark have a substantial grievance which our Grand Lodge ought to support them in resenting. Therefore I second the motion.

The Acting Grand Master: Brethren, you have heard the motion. Does anyone desire to address Grand Lodge on this subject? (No response.) If not, I will put it in the usual Masonic manner.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Acting Grand Master: Brethren, to follow that up, to take action to make the resolution we have just passed effective, I beg now to move:

2. That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in communication, and to the Worshipful Masters of all the Lodges holding under the United Grand Lodge of England; each such Worshipful Master being hereby instructed to cause these resolutions to be read at the first meeting of his Lodge after the receipt thereof, and to direct that they shall be entered in the Minutes.

And I cannot do better than ask the Grand Registrar if he will second it.

V. W. Brother John Strachan, K.C., Grand Registrar: I have much pleasure to second it.

The Acting Grand Master; Brethren, I do not think it necessary, following on the motion just passed, to put it, but I am bound to put it. Does anyone desire to offer any remarks on this subject?

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Grand Lodge formally erased from the roll the 35 lodges formerly the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia and now under the jurisdiction of the new Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Quarterly communication, Dec. 4, 1901.

The following resolution was passed:

That this Board of General Purposes of Free and Accepted Masons of England, tenders, through the several Grand Lodges of the United States of America, the profound sympathy of English Freemasons with their American brethren, in the loss sustained through the untimely death of the highly esteemed and much beloved President of the United States, His Excellency Brother William McKinley. The Board further desires to place on record the horror and detestation with which every Freemason regards the crime of the assassin and the teachings which prompted it.

The Duke of Connaught, G.M.
Edward Letchworth (London), G.S.

FLORIDA.

73rd Communication, Jacksonville, January 21, 1902.
James Carnell, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master displays more than ordinary ability, dealing with a large number of questions in a most efficient manner. Harmony and prosperity attend the lodges. Two new lodges were formed.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

We copy part of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee:

In the matter of the petition of Brother Lionel Jacobs, asking a repeal of the legislation of this Grand Lodge, relating to the liquor traffic and claiming that it is in violation of the rights of the particular lodges and contrary to Masonic usage; we beg leave to report that after an exhaustive examination of the authorities and precedents, and after much careful reflection, we do not agree with the statements made or propositions offered, and recommend that no further action be taken.

We are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge and the enactment of the laws above referred to, do not in any way infringe upon the inherent or so-called "reserved rights," or to be in any wise "a new matter." It is no innovation similar legislation having been taken by "The Grand Lodge of all England at York," as long ago as 1636, as has been told by our M. W. Grand Master in his address at this session.

The right of the Grand Lodge to prescribe the prerequisites of candidates for initiation is as ancient as the Grand Lodges and extends for many decades before the organization of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Lodges judge of the "qualifications" of candidates, under the prescribed requisites, as enunciated by the Grand Lodge.

Brother Jacobs, having in an improper manner and spirit and in violation of Masonic courtesy, addressed a circular letter to various Grand Jurisdictions asking them to interfere with the sovereign rights of this Grand Lodge, we are of the opinion that such action can only be in a spirit of insubordination and is exceedingly reprehensible; we, therefore, recommend that any further appeals on his part of such a nature be deemed an act of disloyalty and subject him to discipline.

Answering the question of George H. Clark, of Halifax Lodge No. 81, "Should the annual returns of the particular Lodges be signed by the incoming or retiring Master and Secretary.

Your committee is of the opinion that this duty should devolve upon the retiring officers.

After a hiatus of ten years, the department of Correspondence has resumed business under the management of Bro. Silas B. Wright, the Immediate Past Grand Master, whose report of 220 pages is a credit to his ability and industry. Canada for 1900 and 1901 receives fraternal mention.

Lodges, 144; members, 4,623; increase, 163.

James Carnell (Ormond), G.M.

Wilber P. Webster (Jacksonville), G.S.

GEORGIA.

115th Communication. Macon, Oct. 29th, 1901.

Max Meyerhardt, G.M.

He reports six new lodges. He commends in the strongest terms the work of the District Deputies. The cause of Masonry has been very much advanced by their labors. Although seriously incapacitated by illness, the Grand Master, from his sick-bed, dictated several hundred letters, granted dispensations, decided questions of law, and performed all the duties he could without interruption. The conclusion of his excellent address is well worthy of preservation:

Masonry has yet a mission to perform.

For the waves of human passion still are raging. Strife and dissension still wreck the happiness of millions. The weak are still by the strong oppressed. Capital and labor are still at war with each other. Mob law on the one hand and anarchy on the other are endeavoring to destroy all government and involve the whole social fabric in one common ruin. Human avarice and human greed and human selfishness are still filling the world with poverty and pain.

But above the raging waters, above the roaring storms, above the clamors of discordant elements, the voice of Masonry is heard proclaiming, "Peace, be still!" and lo! the angry waves of passion and of prejudice subside. The storms of hate are stilled. Mercy and justice are enthroned in human hearts. Wealth is put to noble uses. Labor has its just reward. The lion of strength lies down with the lamb of weakness, and love shall lead them as a little child. The banner of fraternity waves peacefully o'er all the world, and man is brother unto man. No longer war's alarms are heard, and men are striving for the glorious victories of peace. Arbitrament and not the sword is the last resort of nations. And from every heart goes forth the earnest prayer:

Oh, brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother;

Where pity is, the love of God is there,

To worship rightly is to love each other,

Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

And then indeed shall the mission of Masonry be fulfilled. The compass and the square will have done their perfect work. The daily lives of men will be ruled by level and by plumb. The cement of brotherhood will unite all sects and creeds and nations. The all-seeing eye of God will look down in benediction on mankind. And through all worlds and suns and stars and planets, in sweetest, gentlest, tenderest tones that ever fell on mortal ears, will ring the glad acclaim: "Glory to God in the highest; on earth, peace, good-will toward men!"

The children of the Industrial Home paid the Grand Lodge a visit, and entertained the members with songs and recitations. A collection was taken up for their benefit, realizing \$165.00, which the Grand Lodge raised to \$300.00.

The Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone of the Jewish Synagogue with imposing ceremonies.

The fee for a dispensation to confer degrees out of time was fixed at \$2.50.

The Masonic Home Fund now amounts to \$5,000.00, but the Trustees will not commence the building until there is at least \$10,000.00 on hand.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. A. Q. Moody, and reviews our Proceedings of 1900.

Lodges, 433; members, 20,844; increase, 1,512.

Max Meyerhardt (Rome), G.M.

W. A. Wolihin (Macon), G.S.

IDAHO.

34th Communication, Boise, Sept. 10, 1901.

David C. Chase, G.S.W., acting G.M.

Their Grand Master, George D. Golden, died very suddenly during his year of office, while he was engaged in visiting the lodges in the southeastern portion of the State.

Their financial affairs are in good shape, evidenced by the fact that no levy is to be made for the Representative Fund next year, the surplus on hand being sufficient to pay the expenses.

The revised California work was adopted.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recognize no degrees of Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of the various States and Territories of the United States, and the governments throughout the world; and, whereas, it admits the following named organizations to be regular and duly constituted Masonic bodies, namely:

The General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the several States and Territories of the United States, and the Royal Arch Chapters and other bodies under their jurisdiction; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the several States and Territories of the United States, and the Councils under their jurisdiction; the Grand Encampment of the United States; the Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories of the United States, and the commanderies under their jurisdiction; the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern jurisdictions of the United States, and the various bodies under their jurisdiction. Now, therefore, it is hereby declared that any Mason who is hereafter admitted in this jurisdiction into any other orders, as Masonic, whether called the Rite of Memphis, or by any other name, is acting unmaçonically, and against the advice and consent of this Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 29; members, 1,410; increase, 100.

David C. Chase (Payette), G.M.

Theophilus W. Randall (Boise), G.S.

ILLINOIS.

62nd Communication, Chicago, Oct. 1, 1901.

Charles F. Hitchcock, G.M.

Harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Five Schools of Instruction were held during the year, at which 399 lodges were represented, with a total attendance of 1,656, including 44 Deputy Grand Lecturers. The Grand Master attended all the schools, and reports an increasing interest. Four new lodges were formed.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

A special report of the Correspondence Committee on foreign Grand Lodges was laid over till next year. This report is a most valuable and instructive document, dealing as it does with Masonry in Continental Europe in a most thorough manner. His conclusion seems to be that outside of the British Grand Lodges there is hardly any Masonry in Europe worthy of the name. We make a few extracts:

In thus tracing at considerable length the history of the Grand Lodges of the three globes, we have incidentally found that much light has been thrown upon the history of the other German Grand Lodges included with it in this extraordinary proposition to thrust fraternal relations upon the bodies that have so far abdicated their independence that they may not say whether they desire it or not, and to enter into an exchange of representatives with merely nominal

Grand Lodges possessing neither sovereignty nor independence. In this we refer to the fact (chronicled in the general report of this committee for 1873) that the three Berlin Grand Lodges named in the resolution of recognition now under consideration, are, with the other German Grand Lodges, viz., Grand Lodge of Hamburg, at Hamburg; Grand National Lodge of Saxony, Dresden; Grand Lodge of the Sun (Zur Sonne), Beyreuth; Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, Frankfort-on-the-Main, and Grand Lodge of Concord (Zur Eintracht), Darnstadt, are constituents of the Grand Lodge League (Grosslogen Bund) of Germany, a sort of general Grand Lodge, and to it have given over the entire control of their foreign relations.

By their own act in ceding to the Grand Lodge League the control of these relations, the Grand Lodges of Germany are no longer able to meet or treat with any sovereign and independent Grand Lodge on terms of equality, but have placed themselves in this respect in that dependent condition occupied by the nominal "Grand Lodges" of the grand orient system, which led the Grand Lodge of New York by formal action to terminate its recognition of and correspondence with those bodies, and which has led most other Grand Lodges to tacitly permit their relations with them to fall into "innocuous desuetude." This affords ample reason why all formal relations of recognition, mutual representation, and correspondence between the Grand Lodge of Illinois and these dependent bodies now partially stripped of Grand Lodge powers should cease, and having ceased should not be resumed.

Having found one sufficient reason for the non-recognition of these German Grand Lodges, it might well be deemed superfluous to cite others. But we cannot forbear calling attention to a complication arising from the cession to the Grand Lodge League by the Grand Lodges confederated thereunder of their right to individually control their foreign relations, that has nowhere been adequately discussed. A generation ago the Grand Lodge of Illinois and all the other Grand Lodges in the United States placed one of the members of the Grand Lodge League—the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the Masons of its obedience—under the ban for having invaded New York and New Jersey and planted Lodges in those jurisdictions prior to the creation of the Grand Lodge League, one of its constituent Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, at Frankfort—a body with which we are now asked to enter into fraternal relations—had recognized the clandestine body planted in New Jersey, "as a daughter lodge of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg." No one of the dependent bodies in the league has moved therein for the exercise of the constraining power with which the league was clothed by the relinquishment of their own sovereign attributes, to compel the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to withdraw its clandestine Lodges from New York and New Jersey, or the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union to withdraw its recognition of them. By their acquiescence in the piratical acts of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the other members of the league (when they are

clothed with the power to redress the wrong) all become particeps criminis, and should be held jointly and severally responsible.

The Grand Orient of France and the Masons of its obedience were laid under an interdict of non-intercourse by this Grand Lodge in 1869,, because the Grand Orient passed a resolution of aid and encouragement to a Supreme Council which invaded the jurisdiction of Louisiana and planted blue lodges there in defiance of the Grand Lodge. In 1877 the Grand Orient eliminated from its constitutions the requirements of a belief in God as a prerequisite to Masonic admission, and was promptly laid under the ban by the Grand Lodges of the United States, the British Islands, and some of the Grand Lodges of Continental Europe. The whole Grand Lodge system has considered it as being no longer a Masonic body and as of interest only as a touchstone of bodies elsewhere claiming to be governing powers in Masonry. We have already seen that the German Grand Lodge League formally suspended relations with it, but that the interdict against fellowship with the members of its obedience is disregarded with the approbation of Masons prominent in the league. The Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland, and the Grand Lodge of Hungary have entered into fraternal relations with the Grand Orient, which is sufficient reason of itself why Illinois should not recognize either: but the Grand Lodge of Hungary furnishes another sufficient reason by dispensing with the Bible as a Masonic symbol and as a part of the furniture of its Lodges.

The Grand Lodges (so-called) of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, have gone as far in the other direction as the Grand Orient of France has in its own, and has completely overthrown the landmark of religious liberty. Beyond this they partake nearly as much of a political as of a Masonic character. The King is the head of the Order—for it can scarcely be called a fraternity—and by royal decree the Crown Prince is a Freemason by birthright. By royal decree also the Grand Lodge of Norway was spoken into existence in 1891. It was not established in a recognized manner by the representatives of Lodges, but was made first on paper by the King, whose dual functions make him what Brother Gould calls "a sort of Protestant pope."

They have had little relation with the world of Masonry, and for a long time refused to admit any German Mason to visit except those of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, which, like them, worked the Rite of Zinnen-dorff.

If there was ever anything in the system called Freemasonry in Sweden and Norway and in Denmark, which answers to the Free and Accepted Masonry of English-speaking countries, the Masonry circumscribed and defined by the charges of a Freemason to which we owe an undivided allegiance, it has become so overlaid with additional degrees and so metamorphosed by innovations as to make it doubtful whether it is more of a fraternal, a political, or a religious body. The King is Grand Master by virtue of his political accession, and in the tenth, or ruling degree of the organiza-

tion, the Grand Master is the Vicar of Christ, as indicated by the remark of the historian Gould that he is a sort of Protestant pope.

When the King concluded that he wanted a Grand Lodge in the Norwegian half of his dominions, instead of intimating to the Norwegian Lodges that Norway was sufficiently autonomous, Masonically, to maintain one, and permitting them to call a convention of lodges and form one—the only way in which a Grand Lodge can be lawfully formed under the landmarks—he assumed to speak a Grand Lodge of Norway into existence by royal decree. And the Grand Lodge of Illinois is asked to recognize this work as Masonic and the workman as a Mason!

We suppose the "Grand Lodge of Holland" referred to in the omnibus resolution of recognition to be identical with the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, of which we said in our special report of 1898 that it seemed doubtful whether it had any features which allied it to the Grand Orient system, except the name, and recommended that it be classed neither with recognizable nor unrecognizable bodies, letting the question of its recognition wait on further information. We know of no reason for making a different recommendation now. That we have no additional information as to its status is not a matter of extreme regret, inasmuch as no request for recognition has been received from it by this Grand Lodge.

In 1898 this Grand Lodge also decided that the National Grand Lodge of Egypt should be placed on the waiting list pending further disclosures as to the genesis of the Lodges composing it, so that it might be definitely known before action was had, whether a majority of them were of known lawful origin, or were derived from a Supreme Council of the Rite of Memphis, a rite which had been placed under the ban by the Grand Lodge of Illinois (1884) for assuming to possess authority, powers or privileges in Ancient Craft Masonry.

This enquiry, essential as it is, may well wait for the present upon the settlement of another question which has since arisen to assume priority, viz.: Whether after the English Lodges in Egypt had been merged in the new body and it had been so recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, that the English promoters of general recognition assured us that no more English warrants would be granted for Lodges in that country, the subsequent appointment by the Grand Lodge of England of Lord Kitchener as District Grand Master of Egypt shows an understood lack of that quality of independence which could alone enable the National Grand Lodge of Egypt to treat with Sovereign Grand Lodges upon a footing of equality. Until this question of vassalage, partial or complete, is determined, the wisdom of making haste slowly must be apparent.

The Grand Lodge of Peru, another of the bodies placed in the position of a candidate for recognition without its own asking, is a body of Scottish Rite origin, and was excluded from the recognized and recognizable lists of Grand Lodge in 1898 because of the congenital illegitimacy of most of its

component Lodges, a status which no existing conditions give promise of betterment when the body shall undergo another of its periodical reconstructions.

It is not necessary to waste many words on the National Grand Lodge of Spain. Whether it be the same body which in 1878 sought recognition as the Grand Orient of Spain or not is immaterial, the genesis of all the alleged Masonic governing bodies in Spain is substantially the same, and the description of Spanish Masonry in the previous pages of this report, furnished at the time by a highly intelligent Spanish gentleman, is still correct in all essential particulars.

In his annual review Bro. Joseph Robbins gives Canada for 1900 most favorable mention. It goes without saying that his report is full, up-to-date, and thoroughly readable.

Lodges, 728; members, 59,723; increase, 2,398.

George M. Moulton (Chicago), G.M.

J. H. C. Dill (Bloomington), G.S.

INDIANA.

80th Communication, Indianapolis, May 28, 1901.

Olin E. Holloway, G.M.

The Grand Master found that a thorough inspection of the lodges was necessary. He therefore appointed 92 special deputies, one for each county in the State, and they inspected all the lodges. From their reports the Grand Master tabulated all the facts and submitted them to the Grand Lodge. These statements give a very clear view of the state of the lodges. In the matter of work, a few cases are cited which call for correction:

Many of the Lodges report having as many as three or four rituals of different publishers, all at variance with each other on important points.

Six Lodges have no L. L. For that purpose three of these use the chandeliers overhead, the remainder depending upon the imagination, as do twelve Lodges that have no M. C. columns.

Six Lodges instruct their candidates from leaflets containing each degree separately, and in three Lodges the candidates are allowed to use the rituals, with the instructions to stop at a certain page.

I know of one candidate who was so energetic, and who progressed so rapidly, that when the Worshipful Master forgot the ————— in the next degree, he was able, and did finish it without the W. M.'s assistance.

Dispensations were issued for seven new lodges.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolution 2. That the Grand Master be instructed to appoint twenty-five District Deputy Grand Masters for a like number of districts, into which he shall subdivide the Grand Jurisdiction, and through them inspect each Lodge therein at least once in each year and require each Lodge to conform to the general regulations in the transaction of business, and, in addition, require said Lodges to conform in their work to the Ritualistic work approved by this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master shall enforce this resolution by the exercise of his authority to the extent of arresting the charter of any Lodge if he deems it necessary.

3. That no Ritual shall be used in any Lodge room, nor shall any Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft be permitted to read any part of one.

4. That the Grand Lecturer, under the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, shall, as soon as possible, organize and hold Lodges for the instruction of all said District Deputy Grand Masters of this State.

We regret to learn of the death of P.G.M. Thomas B. Long, their former Chairman of Correspondence. Bro. Long was one of the brightest minds in the Craft and one of its most faithful members. He had filled the highest positions in all the Indiana Masonic bodies, and was widely known as a most erudite Masonic student and jurist.

His successor in the Correspondence department is Bro. Daniel McDonald, P.G.M. In his review of Alabama he has the following remarks on the preferences given to clergymen:

That may be in accordance with the provisions of the Alabama Constitution, but if it is, it is class legislation that ought to be repealed at the earliest moment possible. No Grand Lodge has the legal, or any other right, to make one qualification for one man and another qualification for another. A minister of the Gospel is no more entitled to special privileges than an editor, a lawyer, a doctor, or "any other man." Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors. It is the internal and not the external qualifications that recommend a man worthy to be made a Mason, and not whether he has 'Rev.' prefixed to his name. If preachers are to be exempted from any of the rules of Masonry on that account, they ought to be graded according to their ability and real worth. It is admitted there are some preachers who are much more intellectual than others. There are some who, like those following other professions, are engaged in that occupation because they have failed at everything else, and adopted it to make a living without work, knowing that the brethren and sisters would see to it that their bodily wants were provided for. We don't see why this kind of preachers should be accorded special privileges above others who earn their living by the sweat of their face, and are intellectually and in every other way superior to them. Let all men be placed on the same level.

Lodges, 500; members, 33,604; increase, 1,482.

Orlando W. Brownback (Pendleton), G.M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G.S.

The former Grand Secretary, Bro. William H. Smythe, resigned his office during the year, he having been sick for several years, caused largely by overwork. It is very pathetic to see that he declares "no prospects of recovery in the near future," yet we do not find the Grand Lodge taking any notice of his retirement.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

28th Communication, Durant, August 13, 1901.

J. W. F. Parker, G.M.

On the condition of the Craft, he says:

It affords me exceeding pleasure to report that Freemasonry has prospered remarkably in this jurisdiction during the past year. Work has been abundant and Lodges have grown stronger in numbers and finances.

The needy have been supplied, the widow assisted and the orphan sheltered and given homes. Peace and harmony has been the watchword among the subordinate Lodges throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

The practice of Lodges visiting, assisting and entertaining each other at their homes and halls has had its effects, and happily there has been a perceptible improvement in the awakening of both candidate and brother's appreciation of the higher aims of our Institution.

Dispensations were issued for eight new lodges.

Western Australia was recognized.

The Grand Lecturer and Grand Custodians presented reports showing that each year there is an improvement in the work.

There are 91 orphan children under the care of the lodges.

The fund for the Home amounts to about \$6,000. A committee was appointed to consider when the Home should be started.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, but he declines to prepare any more such reports at the compensation given, \$100, as he feels that in justice to himself he could not write another report creditable to the Grand Lodge for that amount. In his review of Canada for 1900, he says:

The income is large. \$18,358.61 were given to benevolent objects. Isn't this grand? O for such a spirit among the Indian Territory Masons. Is there any wonder that the report of the committee on the condition of the Craft closes

this report with these words? "The Board close their report with the conviction that never before in the history of Masonry in this jurisdiction has Craft Masonry been in as flourishing a condition as at the present time."

Lodges, 106; members, 4,024; increase, 244.

Henry M. Furman (Ardmore), G.M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G.S.

IOWA.

58th Communication, Davenport, June 4, 1901.

William L. Eaton, G.M.

The Grand Master reports nine new lodges. We copy part of his opening remarks:

It gives me pleasure to note that prosperity is everywhere visible among the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction. The improvement in the returns forwarded to the Grand Secretary, which has been marked for several years, continues. There is still room, however, for progress, and I commend to the officers of subordinate Lodges still greater care in the preparation of their reports, and a greater familiarity with our masonic statutes. I am satisfied that this is the reason why so many of the brethren permit themselves to be suspended. I strenuously urge the prompt collection of dues in accordance with the strict letter of the law. If this be done I am quite certain that there will be less suspensions in this jurisdiction. It cannot be possible that in this list is included brethren who have become old and infirm, and who have not the financial ability to keep up their dues without unnecessary sacrifice, for such brethren never ought to be suspended. They have earned the right to pass their declining days under the beneficent influences of their Masonic home. Those who have the ability to pay their dues will ordinarily do so if collected promptly and not permitted to accumulate.

An affecting incident was the receipt of a message from their venerable Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. Parvin, then lying on a sick-bed, from which it could hardly be hoped he would arise. It was the first time since the formation of the Grand Lodge that he had been absent from the Grand Lodge sessions. A special committee was appointed to convey to him in person a suitable response.

Western Australia was recognized; Costa Rica was deferred.

In the conclusion of his excellent report, Bro. J. C. W. Coxe has the following:

There are no exciting topics before the Masonic world today. Peace and harmony everywhere prevail, and brotherly love continues undisturbed. The differences which have

arisen in recent years have now and then quickened pulses, sent a flush to the temples, and given a suggestion of acidity to some utterances by voice and pen; but these quickly passed, have been forgiven and measurably forgotten—and peace reigns. Good has come out of the flurries. No honest differences can exist without quickened thought and new research. Historical questions have been re-studied, new facts brought to light or old truths given a new setting, the horizon widened, a larger and more tolerant spirit developed, the bonds of brotherhood really drawn closer by the minor differences which at first threatened division and discord. We have come to see that the points of agreement are far in excess of any differences; that the agreement is in essentials and the differences are on minor points; and that fraternity is an unmeaning pretense if it does not guarantee the right to live and let live—to think and let others think—to hold opinions which are honestly formed without risk of rack or s sake. Wider knowledge, a larger charity, a more tolerant spirit of inquiry, these are fruits of recent times, and are welcome signs for the opening century.

Lodges, 489; members, 30,324; increase, 818.

Lewis J. Baker (Ottumwa), G.M.

Newton R. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), acting G.S.

IRELAND.

We have received the address delivered at the stated Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, 27th December, 1901, by the Deputy Grand Master, Sir J. C. Meredith, from which we make the following extracts:

Brethren, Freemasonry is flourishing throughout Ireland, and in two towns, at least, in this country, Masonic Halls are in course of erection, both intended to commemorate amongst their brethren the names of distinguished members of our Order. In Holywood it is purposed to erect a hall in memory of our Brother Thomas McCammon. A considerable amount of local and other support has been given to that project, which I imagine will result in the erection of a handsome edifice. In Loughgall, where our Brother Charles Ensor resided, his memory is to be perpetuated by the erection of a Masonic Hall. I hope that these objects will be worthily supported, and that the brethren in these towns will be able to have halls worthy of those in whose memory they are being erected.

There were some questions which came before the Board of General Purposes during the year that I must refer to. The question was raised whether a naval pensioner was eligible for a garrison lodge, and the Board have decided that question in the affirmative. The question was also raised in the case of a sailor going from port to port, without any local habitation other than the high seas, where inquiry should be made as to his character and conduct and so on,

and the decision of the Board was that if a man's parents are resident in any part of the United Kingdom the inquiries ought to be addressed to the place where the parents reside. A question was raised whether a Provincial Grand Officer resigning office during the year, without completing his term of office, was entitled to the position of Past Grand Officer, and the answer was undoubtedly in the negative. If a brother was holding office for a second year, of course he would be entitled to be regarded as a Past Grand Officer, but if he had only been elected for the first term, and resigned without serving for one full year, he was not entitled to the rank of Past Grand Officer.

Another question of very serious importance to the members of the Craft at large was raised with reference to the right of a brother who is excluded from his Lodge under rule 159 to obtain a demit. You all know that if the majority required by that law think that it is inconsistent with the good of a Lodge that any brother—I am afraid I must say in this case a troublesome brother—should continue to be a member amongst them they have a right to exclude him. One Lodge exercised that right, then the brother who was excluded applied for a demit, and the Lodge refused to give it to him. The Board of General Purposes ruled that no Lodge has a right to refuse a demit to a brother who is excluded under that law. We cannot allow any one subordinate Lodge to be the judge as to whether any man is fit or unfit to be a member of Masonic Lodges in general. Each Lodge has a right to say any particular man is unfit to be a member of that Lodge, because—well, because the other members do not like his general conduct, or for any other reason at all, or if they do not like to assign any reason—

The reason why, I cannot tell,
But this I know, and know full well,
I do not like you, Dr. Fell.

That gives them no right to take a course that would prevent him joining any other Lodge that might be willing to have him. If he has done anything that constitutes a Masonic crime, it is not only their right but it is their duty to impeach him before the proper tribunals of the Order, when those whom the Order has constituted to be the judges will decide whether or not he is fit to be continued a member of the Masonic body.

A question was also raised as to the use of an unauthorized ritual in Queensland. That question is still under consideration, because the Board of General Purposes have called upon the Provincial Grand Lodge of Queensland to investigate it and report to the Board.

We were also applied to from New Zealand by a number of brethren who had formerly held a warrant for a Lodge there for leave to re-open the dormant Lodge. We thought that, as since that Lodge had ceased to work, a Grand Lodge had been constituted for New Zealand—we did not want to get embarrassed in any question of territorial jurisdiction—

that we ought not to reconstitute the Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand without, at any rate, consulting them upon the matter. Their wish, when consulted, was, that we should not re-open the Lodge, and accordingly we declined to do so.

A word or two as to the progress which the Order at large has made. In 1898, the first occasion upon which I inflicted upon you one of these annual addresses, I spoke of the great increase in members admitted. That, however, was a record year. But I think we may say that this year is quite up to that year, if, indeed, it does not exceed it. In Dublin especially the number of candidates joining the Order has been, I think I may say unprecedented. It is exceedingly satisfactory not only to find that a large number of men in this city are coming forward to be enrolled in our ranks, but it is also satisfactory to find that many of our foremost citizens are coming forward to take part with us in the work of the Masonic Order. Another thing that is satisfactory with regard to the year that is now expiring is this, that we have hardly been called upon during the year to inflict any serious Masonic punishment upon any brother of our Order. There have been one or two cases, but in such a large body as ours is, all over this country, I do think it is eminently satisfactory that the cases that come before us to be dealt with as worthy of punishment have been so very few as they have been.

Last year, I told you that one of our Lodges in the Colonies, Lodge 209, Bermuda, had been suspended, but that their warrant had been restored upon promises of good behavior. I am sorry to be obliged now to announce that these promises have not been fulfilled, that the incompatibility of temper amongst the members of that Lodge has during this year reached such an acute stage that we have again been obliged to call in their warrant. The want of harmony that existed amongst them could not be allowed to continue in any subordinate Lodge. I have also with great regret to record the closing of a Lodge which for 165 years had done uninterrupted good work in the south of Ireland. I do hope that the paucity of members who remained in Lodge 49, Charleville, is not a foretaste of what we may expect in some of the outlying parts of this country. It is a sad thing to consider that a Lodge which for 165 years had worked steadily and well in the County of Cork has been obliged to surrender its warrant because they had not enough brethren there to carry on the working. Three new warrants have been issued during the year—one for the youngest of the Dublin Lodges, Lodge 302. That Lodge, I may tell you, promises exceedingly well, and I have every hope and belief that before many years have rolled by it will have advanced to a very foremost position amongst the Lodges of the city of Dublin. Warrant 303 has been issued for the holding of a Lodge at Dundonald, and 346 for the holding of a Lodge at Toowoomba, in Queensland.

Now, brethren, with regard to our connection as Irish Masons with other parts of the world, there is a matter of very considerable interest which I would like to mention to

you. During the summer of this year a brother visited Dublin who had been residing for many years in South Africa, in Cape Town. Brother French was introduced to me. We had a great deal of interesting Masonic conversation, and before we parted I said to him, "I wish you would from time to time give me information as regards anything of interest that occurs in your Lodge." He is the secretary of a Lodge holding under this Grand Lodge in Cape Town, Lodge 199. Well, our good Brother French did not forget the words that I had said to him, and towards the end of November he wrote me a long and most interesting letter, which I received a few days ago, in which he gave me an account of the working of Lodge 199. He told me that in Cape Town there were Lodges working under no less than four different Grand Lodges. There were Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, and last, but by no means least, Lodge 199 working under the authority of this Grand Lodge. He told me that intercourse between the brethren of the different Constitutions was of the warmest and most friendly character, that they rarely, if ever, met that they had not—even when they met for labor only—visitors from every one of the other Constitutions, and that they frequently had brethren from the uttermost parts of the earth. He also stated that as a result of the war—which as of course you would expect has proved most disastrous—they had constant appeals for assistance from brethren who had been before that in prosperous positions in Johannesburg and other places in South Africa, and I think we ought all, as Irish Masons, to be proud of Lodge 199 when their secretary is able to say that no brother who appealed to their Lodge during the year had been sent away empty. They had in that single Lodge in a distant colony contributed during this year no less than £50 to the relief of brethren who were in distress. He also mentioned that they had during this year no fewer than 20 initiations and 7 affiliations, and that they now had 70 members in good standing, and he added: "I shall be glad if you would let any brethren of our Constitution that intend coming to this country know that we will be delighted to see them and assist them to the best of our ability, but at the same time impress upon them the desirability of bringing proper credentials to identify them. I believe Irish Masonry will continue to grow, and will do a good work in South Africa, and I think that is the wish and belief of all our brethren." He adds the words, which I am quite sure we will all reciprocate, "So mote it be."

The Grand Master is the Duke of Abercorn. The Grand Secretary is Lord Castletown. The Deputy Grand Secretary, to whom all communications are to be addressed, is Henry E. Flavelle. Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth street, Dublin.

KANSAS.

46th Communication, Fort Scott, February 19, 1902.
Perry M. Hoisington, G.M.

He reports three new lodges, three State Schools of Instruction held, a general advance in interest, and harmony prevailing. On the subject of special dispensations he says:

During the year I have received more than one hundred and fifty applications for special dispensations, covering almost the entire range of Lodge activities. I have granted a considerable number to confer one, and occasionally two degrees waiving statutory time, when the reasons given seemed sufficient. Also to elect and install officers, and to change date of annual communication to avoid Christmas. Dispensations have uniformly been refused to ballot on petitions out of time, to receive the petitions of maimed men, and to confer degrees waiving time, as a means of qualifying the petitioner for admission to another order, or for what appeared to be merely personal considerations.

The Grand Master will, of course, always carefully scrutinize these applications, but I am of the opinion that the Lodges do not always realize what it means to request the temporary abrogation of a law of our ancient and honorable Institution. And as a means of impressing the brethren with the importance of such an action, I recommend that the law be so amended as to require the payment of a fee of not less than \$5 for each special dispensation issued by the Grand Master. Said fee to accompany the application, and to be returned in case the same is refused.

Their Masonic Home has 44 inmates. The amount expended during the year was \$8,944.92, which sum is in excess of the receipts. The Home cannot be maintained with its present membership without gradually drawing upon the Permanent Fund. A permanent annual tax of 50 cents per capita was laid on the lodges for the benefit of the Home.

Western Australia and Costa Rica were recognized.

A number of portraits and biographical sketches of Past Grand Masters beautify these Proceedings.

Bro. William M. Shaver, P.G.M., enters the correspondence field with one of the very best reports of the year. His review of our Proceedings of 1901 occupies over five pages. Having unlimited space, he does his work very thoroughly.

Lodges, 364; members, 22,399; increase, 766.

Thomas E. Dewey (Abilene), G.M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G.S.

KENTUCKY.

101st Communication, Louisville, October 15, 1901.

William C. McChord, G.M.

On the condition of the Craft, he says:

It affords me great pleasure to say that peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction. Never was there more activity in the Lodges throughout the State than during the year just past. The reports of the subordinate Lodges will show a large increase in our membership. The future looks bright and prosperous for us. But, my brethren, it is not particularly the number "who wear the lamb-skin or white-leather apron" which enables our fraternity to occupy the high position which it does in the estimation of the world, but it is the internal qualification, the character and exemplary conduct of the individual person in his daily work of life which has given to Masonry its standing. Let not your zeal to increase the membership of your Lodge, or a desire to replenish your treasury induce you to allow those who do not reach the high standing of morality which should characterize Masonry cross the threshold of your Lodge. It is in the power of each individual Mason to prevent in a great measure improper material from becoming a part of your Lodge. To preserve the character and standing of our fraternity, and to enable it to fulfill the great mission of its organization, I say to you, my brethren, "Guard well the outer door." If a brother should deviate from the path of rectitude and duty, remind him in a friendly manner of his error, and, if possible, aid him in reformation; but if he shall fail to heed the friendly counsel of his brethren and continue to violate Masonic laws, and there is no longer a reasonable hope of reformation, your duty to your Lodge and Freemasonry demands that such punishment shall be meted out to the offender as his conduct deserves and the law of Masonry demands. While it may be an unpleasant duty to demand the trial and punishment of an offending brother, for minor offenses, yet when it is known that an erring brother will not regard the kind offices of his more discreet brethren, the Lodge should discharge its duty and enforce the law; and when brethren understand that the Lodge will not allow its laws to be violated with impunity they will be more careful of their conduct.

The construction of a building as a permanent home for the Grand Lodge was about the most important business matter at this session, and the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the committee now having in charge the erection of a Masonic temple in the city of Louisville, under the control of this Grand Lodge, be continued, and that said committee is authorized to erect a building, upon the lot already purchased, according to the plans already agreed upon, or such as they may select, and for this purpose they are authorized and empowered to borrow not exceeding \$200,000, upon the obligation of this Grand Lodge, secured by

first mortgage bonds upon the property, said bonds to run for thirty years, and to bear not exceeding four per cent. per annum interest. The Grand Lodge to reserve the right to redeem the bonds, or any part of them, at any time, after three years from their date.

In his excellent report on Correspondence, Bro. Jas. W. Staton reviews Canada for 1900. An admirable manner of securing the attendance of the delegates to the Grand Lodge is thus stated:

The last duty before closing of Grand Lodge in Kentucky is to call the roll, and any member found absent, without having been excused, his Lodge is charged up with his per diem and compelled to pay the same as regular dues to the Grand Lodge. The boys are usually found there or thereabouts.

Lodges, 467; members, 20,627; increase, 757.

Harry Bailey (Cynthiana), G.M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G.S.

LOUISIANA.

90th Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 10, 1902.

Robert H. Cage, G.M.

Masonry in this jurisdiction is in a most satisfactory condition, with a spirit of love and harmony, which is indeed gratifying. Six new lodges were formed.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington be withdrawn.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Western Australia be and is hereby recognized as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge, and fraternally welcomed as such, the Grand Master being hereby authorized to arrange for an exchange of representatives.

Resolved, That action upon the petition for recognition of the Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico be postponed and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Resolved, That the Grand Master is hereby authorized to make courteous reply to the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland (Alpena) to a conference of Masonic Powers, and to inform that grand body that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana finds itself unable to accept the invitation.

The order of the Eastern Star secured a quasi recognition, against the opinion of the Committee on Jurisprudence, a resolution being adopted allowing lodges to permit the use of their halls by that order.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. C. Duncan. In his notice of Cuba, he says:

In examining the roll of Masonic Powers in communication with the Grand Lodge of Cuba, we find Egypt, both Grand

Lodge and Grand Orient of France, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Roumania, Switzerland and Tunis. While Cuba keeps such company, she had best beware lest serious objection should be raised to the continuation of recognition of herself. While she fellowships with France, why should she murmur if Spanish Masonry is set up within her territory? If she expects assistance in repelling invasion of Cuba, she must not countenance France in her invasion of Louisiana, nor Hamburg in her invasion of New York. We whisper good counsel into the ear of Cuba. Let her break off her intercourse with any and every power that holds Masonic intercourse with clandestine made Masons. It is the only way to gain respect in the Masonic world. We have a sincere desire to see Cuba prosper, and for that reason, in a Masonic and truly fraternal spirit, we caution her to beware.

On the Universal Congress proposed by the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, Bro. Duncan says:

It will be at once observed that however beneficial a congress such as is proposed might be, if composed of legitimate Masons, the character of parties invited and expected at this entertainment is such as to forbid the countenancing even of the assemblage by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. In it will sit the atheistic Grand Orient of France, a grand body that knows not the first principle of true fraternity, respect for the rights of others, as witness her conduct towards this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England; in it will sit the Grand Orient of Spain, that has just invaded Pennsylvania; in it will sit the utterly clandestine "Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana," a body that is not only clandestine, but is guilty of the profoundest deception by its imitation of our title, a deception so well schemed that one has to look at the number of its Lodges in order to detect the fraud. No; we are Masons, and as such we cannot hold intercourse with the clandestine, the unfraternal, the immoral. We believe in tolerance, but tolerance of that which is right; never of that which is corrupting, unmasonic and subversive of the very ground work and principles of our institution.

In one of the bulletins of the Grand Orient of Belgium, Bro. Duncan finds the name of Richard Williams as the representative of that Grand Orient near the Supreme Council of Louisiana, and then says:

Inasmuch as this Mr. Richard Williams has no Masonic standing among lawful Masons in this jurisdiction, we cannot consider even the status of a body that maintains intercourse with him and other cowans and clandestines. A body that maintains such intercourse stamps itself as no better than its familiars.

Lodges, 144; members, 6,361; increase, 604.

Robt. R. Reid (Amite City), G.M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G.S.

MAINE.

82nd Communication, Portland, May 7, 1901.

Winfield S. Choate, G.M.

The progress of the Craft during the past year exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Grand Master. Peace and harmony generally prevail. Their financial condition is very satisfactory. One of the interesting occasions of the year is thus narrated:

In 1857 a candidate took the first and second degrees, but for personal reasons and on account of absence from this State he had not taken the third; in 1900 he returned to this State and desires to be made a Master Mason in the same Lodge that conferred the first and second degrees. Can he do so?

Answer: Yes, there is no limitation of time within which the second or third degrees must be taken. Although the residence of the candidate may be now outside of this jurisdiction, the fact that the Lodge in Maine conferred the first and second degrees, gives it jurisdiction to complete the work. Substantially the same question was decided in 1900.

This latter decision led to one of the interesting occasions of the year. In 1857, forty-three years ago, Col. Israel B. Norcross took the first two steps in Masonry in Rising Virtue Lodge, in Bangor; at that time Colonel Jere Fenno was Senior Warden of the Lodge, and in the absence of the Master presided and conferred the degrees; in 1900 Col. Norcross returned from his western home and desired to take the third degree, and on Oct. 26, 1900, it being the 80th birthday of Col. Fenno, in the presence of some 350 members of Rising Virtue Lodge and visitors, with Col. Fenno acting as Worshipful Master, the ceremony was performed. The work throughout was most impressive and reflected great credit upon Brother Fenno, who, notwithstanding his advanced years, showed himself a thorough master of the situation. The work, with the banquet and speeches which followed, made the occasion one long to be remembered.

The eloquent conclusion of the address of the Grand Master is worth preservation:

If I am asked what one thing will be most helpful, and tend in the greatest measure to our success, now and in the future, I would say the recognition by every Mason of his own individual duty and responsibility.

We have each voluntarily taken upon ourselves certain duties and obligations. We have each promised that those duties shall be fully and conscientiously discharged, and that every obligation shall be met in the true spirit of our fraternity; shall it be done? Upon each one rests the responsibility; not the responsibility to do that which is distasteful to us, but that which must be to every true Mason a pleasure and satisfaction.

The strength of every institution is the united strength of

all its members: let every brother ask himself whether he is an element of weakness or of strength in our Temple.

Every stone in the temple of our first Grand Master had its appointed place. It was quarried and fitted for that place, and whether it was in the foundation laid where it might be unseen forever, or the stone which the builders rejected, but which became the head of the corner, it was equally necessary to the completeness and stability of the whole. With us, my brethren, from the youngest entered apprentice to the Worshipful Master in the east, we have individual duties and responsibilities; let each of us labor in the cause until the sun goes down, then shall our rest be peaceful and our memories shall be honored.

Western Australia was recognized.

It was decided that while the list of officers elected may be published, no proceedings of subordinate lodges, save upon public occasions, should be given to the press.

An excellently engraved portrait of Bro. Josiah H. Drummond embellishes these Proceedings. His report is, as usual, full of good things. Canada for 1900 received his best attention.

Lodges, 197; members, 22,690; increase, 413.

Alfred S. Kimball (Norway), G.M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G.S.

MANITOBA.

26th Communication, Winnipeg, June 12, 1901.

Robert S. Thornton, G.M.

Finding it an utter impossibility to visit any but a few points in this vast jurisdiction, the Grand Master held one central meeting in each district. This plan was apparently a success:

As to the success attending these meetings, and the resulting benefits, let others speak. All were largely attended, and nearly every Lodge in the jurisdiction was represented at one or other of the meetings. For myself, the tour was a liberal education, and I can never forget the generous hospitality and warmth of welcome accorded to me. At each meeting I delivered an address dealing with the history, ritual and symbolism of Masonry, and from the close attention given and many enquiries made, it seemed I had touched on a topic on which information was wanted. The Grand Secretary and myself have received numerous inquiries about books, and some Lodges have voluntarily established the nucleus of a Lodge library.

On all hands the wish was expressed that the District Lodge of Instruction, attended by the Grand Master, might become an annual affair, and also that at our meetings of Grand Lodge one session at least be set apart as a Lodge of Instruc-

tion, and in this desire I heartily concur. It seems to me that in this country of far distances, where the opportunities of brethren meeting in fraternal converse are few, we have been missing a splendid opportunity in devoting such a representative gathering as this to purely executive work. Arrangements could be made for one or more addresses by well-qualified brethren, and opportunity given for inquiry and discussion. So important do I think this, that I would suggest the appointment of a committee to consider the matter, and make arrangements for a Lodge of Instruction at the next annual meeting. As a step in this direction I have arranged, at the request of a large number of brethren, to give an address this evening in continuation of the subjects dealt with by me at the meetings held in the winter.

New lodges were opened at Napinka, Fort Saskatchewan and Edmonton; also one at Dawson, called Yukon lodge.

The Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Cuba were placed on the list of recognized bodies.

Lodges, 70; members, 3,238; increase, 147.

Robert S. Thornton (Deloraine), G.M.

James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G.S.

MARYLAND

The special Communication on February 27, 1901, was the occasion of a most remarkable and interesting event, the reception and presentation of a magnificent Grand Master's Jewel to Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, on his 50th birthday, and the beginning of his 16th year of service as Grand Master. The great hall was crowded by members eager to do honor to and testify their affection and admiration for the central figure of this happy occasion.

115th Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 19, 1901.

Thomas J. Shryock, G.M.

The new Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Costa Rica were recognized.

In his review of Ohio, Bro. E. T. Schultz has the following:

Under heading "Entered Apprentice Degree," he vigorously condemns "the unjust and unwarranted emasculation" of this degree by the Baltimore Convention of 1843. "Previous to that time all business, balloting for candidates, public ceremonies, etc.—except that pertaining strictly to the other degrees—was done in a Lodge of Entered Apprentices. When the grade was received, the initiate was a Mason, and as well as in the name, with all the rights of membership, and with thereby the opportunity and duty of saying, by his bal-

lot, who should be made his brother and become one with him in the Masonic family.

"The degree is in itself the most perfect and unchanged of any grade in Ancient Craft Masonry. The beauties and lessons to be learned or developed through its symbolism are illimitable; it is the foundation of Freemasonry, and as its superstructure the manifest injustice of neutralizing the grade by depriving it of its inherent rights, powers, and prerogatives, without its own consent, must be self-apparent."

We are disposed to agree with Brother Cunningham that the change was unwise, but we doubt the utility of urging at this time "the rehabilitation of the Entered Apprentice degree and the restoration of its inherent rights, privileges, and prerogatives," as he suggests.

Lodges, 104; members, 8,278; decrease, 297.

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G.M.

Jacob H. Medairy (Baltimore), G.S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Quarterly Communication, Boston, March 13, 1901.

Charles T. Gallagher, G.M.

The death is announced of Bro. Charles C. Dame, Grand Master in 1866, 1867 and 1868.

A petition was read from two brethren who had been elected to office in their lodge, and who had been refused installation. The explanation and ruling of the Grand Master is as follows:

Without raising the question as to the form of the petition, or whether the petitioners have any right of appeal, the subject matter of the petition will be received and considered. The facts are as follows:

During the month of December, 1900, the attention of the Grand Master was called to the fact that the Junior Warden-elect of ———— Lodge, had been an open and active member of an order or body acting as Masonic, coming under that part of Section 21 of Part V. of the Constitutions reading as follows: "Now, therefore, it is hereby declared that any Mason who is hereafter admitted in this jurisdiction into any other orders, as Masonic, is acting unmasonically, and for such conduct shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and shall be ineligible to membership or office in this Grand Lodge."

Section 22 provides a similar penalty also against any person who shall confer, communicate, sell or solicit any one to receive or apply for degrees not hereinbefore recognized or admitted.

While verifying the information by inquiry, I learned that in addition to the Junior Warden, the Treasurer-elect of the same Lodge stood in the same position; had been an officer of the proscribed body, and was still actively and openly advocating it and soliciting regular Masons to join it. A copy of the above Sections 21 and 22, I am informed, has been for

a long time posted in the Lodge ante-room, and that fact and the provisions of the sections are well known to both the brethren.

These brethren would naturally have been installed at the January meeting. Before that time I sent the Past Master of the Lodge, who was expected to install the newly elected officers, two forms of renunciation to be signed by the Junior Warden-elect and Treasurer-elect of the Lodge which simply renounced all connection with Cerneau or other bodies not recognized under the provisions of the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge, and giving up any allegiance they held to such irregular bodies. I forbade the Worshipful brother, as installing officer, to install them unless they should so renounce; this they declined to do; and at the regular meeting in January neither the Junior Warden nor Treasurer-elect presented himself for installation. The other officers were duly installed, and the Lodge reported to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary that a vacancy existed, and asked for a dispensation for the filling of the two vacancies. I thereupon issued a precept for the election of Junior Warden and Treasurer for the regular meeting of February. At that meeting on a ballot the respective offices were filled by the election of other brethren, the vote being in the proportion of nearly, if not quite, five to one on a total vote of more than seventy ballots cast; this majority being in favor of the new members elect for those positions, they were thereupon installed.

I have never learned until receiving a copy of the petition here read by the Grand Secretary that either had presented himself, even as late as the February meeting, and made any request for installation. I am since informed that the Treasurer-elect did, but this was after the precept was issued and on the evening of the new election.

Just prior to this new election in February I received a long document, which not only reflected on the action of the Grand Master, but took issue with the provisions of our Grand Constitutions, and although alleging itself to be respectful, yet exhibiting such an ignorance of Masonic principles and such defiance of our existing regulations, that I felt called upon to make an answer to each of the signers, which I did by personal letter as follows:

Boston, Feb. 16, 1901.

Dear Sir and Brother: I am pained and surprised at the communication I have received from you, with others, in relation to the installation of the Junior Warden and Treasurer of _____ Lodge. You speak of a regulation of our Grand Lodge as "repugnant to the ancient Constitutions and a violation of our landmarks"; this is in direct violation of the obligation required of every Mason and every officer of a Lodge; those who violate it know what they should expect.

Your want of loyalty to the Grand Lodge is shown in your statement that it "was the first in this country to countenance dissenters from the original plan of Masonry."

The further language used in characterizing the action of the Grand Master is equally reprehensible, but being personal I will forgive it.

Your position is wrong from the beginning, to discuss whether

our regulations are right or not is neither your province nor mine; all we have to do is to obey them; your petition admits a violation of our Constitutions, but asks me to set it aside and allow a further disregard of it; this of course cannot be done.

The Constitution is plain, and until that is changed by amendment your duty and mine are plain. I have acted as Grand Masters have done before in cases of this kind: when known to the Grand Master no one has ever been installed into any office nor allowed to sit as a member of the Grand Lodge who has been in the position of these two brothers; in every instance known a renunciation has been required and in every case has been received before a brother could be installed into his office.

I have not desired to deal harshly in this matter, but you must know that a trial on charges would result in expulsion from Masonry; I have felt it better to deal leniently as with erring brothers, and so have forbidden their installation. If these brothers should be re-elected, it will be the Grand Master's duty, under the Constitution, however unpleasant, to again forbid it, unless of course they come within the provisions of the Constitution by renouncing allegiance to all bodies not therein recognized. Installation being a prerequisite to holding office, and the brethren having refused to renounce their connection with organizations forbidden by the Grand Constitutions, they therefore cannot be officers. A vacancy exists and a dispensation is granted for a new election.

No brother in our Order can feel more deeply than I do the misfortune that has come upon us in this most unhappy affair, and it is with great reluctance that I approach the subject and reach my conclusion; but as I am elected and installed to see among other things that the Lodges and brethren comply with the regulations of our Grand Constitutions, it is my plain duty to see them enforced. I cannot therefore grant your petition. Yours fraternally,

CHAS. T. GALLAGHER,

Grand Master.

The duty of the Grand Master is to see that the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge are enforced. His power is supreme in the way of such enforcement, particularly during the times when the Grand Lodge is not in session, and any action by him must be summary, and is conclusive unless the Grand Lodge itself shall set aside his action; the Grand Master here found direct and open violation of the Grand Constitutions and acted accordingly.

Upon the conclusion of the Grand Master's statement it was unanimously voted that his action be approved and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

By a vote of 186 to 18, an amendment was adopted allowing dual membership. The regulation forbidding a member to belong to more than one lodge has been in their Constitution since 1798. *Tempora mutantur.*

Their oldest permanent member, Bro. George H. Taber, was present at this meeting. Bro. Taber is 93 years of age, and in all those years, afloat or ashore, he has not spent twenty-four hours in bed on account of sickness. The doctors have nothing to thank him for.

Quarterly Communication, June 12, 1901.

Concordia Lodge had its name changed to George H. Taber Lodge.

Quarterly Communication, September 11, 1901.

Aconcagua Lodge, of Chile, surrendered its charter.

Quarterly Communication, December 11, 1901.

At this December meeting the Grand Master delivers his annual address, the officers are elected, and the business of the year wound up, leaving for the annual meeting on December 27th nothing but the installation of officers and the grand feast.

The affairs of the Craft are in a most prosperous condition.

Lodges, 236; members, 42,093; increase, 1,074.

Charles T. Gallagher (Boston), G.M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G.S.

MICHIGAN.

58th Communication, Muskegon, January 28, 1902.

Frank O. Gilbert, G.M.

Among the grand representatives appointed by the Grand Master we notice the name of R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Landerkin, for Canada, in the room of our lamented Grand Master Hungerford.

Three new lodges were opened.

Of their visit to Hamilton, the Grand Master says:

The officers and members of this Grand Lodge were invited to attend the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held in the city of Hamilton, Ont., July 17, 1901. The invitation was accepted, and a number of Grand Officers attended. Nothing could be more cordial than the reception given us by the Grand Lodge of Canada; indeed it was a royal welcome.

The entertaining of the guests was under the care of Most Worshipful Brother Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer, who was appointed by that Grand Lodge for the purpose, and who did his work with great skill and ability.

We copy part of the report of their Masonic Home:

The receipts from all sources during the fiscal year amount to \$11,490.60. They include the Grand Lodge per capita rate \$6,322; \$1,000 received from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; \$500 from the Grand Commandery of Knights Tem-

plar; \$925 from chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star; \$335 from the Committee of Arrangements for the Shriner excursion to Honolulu, and \$1,948.50 paid, in addition to the per capita tax, by Lodges having members at the Home.

The expenditures were \$11,262.43, \$6,798 of this sum went for the ordinary expenditures of the Home; \$2,686 for the installation of a storage battery system to light the premises by electricity, and \$1,062 for a passenger elevator. The electric current for the lighting and for operating the elevator are obtained from the street railway running to Reed's Lake.

The Home farm produced a net revenue of \$258.

Excluding from the computation the extraordinary expenses, such as those above referred to, the average weekly per capita cost of maintenance was \$2.87, about the same as the previous year.

On December 1st there were at the Home 44 beneficiaries; 32 men and 12 women, and 4 others admitted, but not yet arrived. The average age of the 32 men was 71 years; that of the 12 women 70 years.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Order of the Eastern Star, organized by the wives, mothers and sisters of Master Masons is worthy of the commendation of this Grand Lodge, and we recommend to the fraternity throughout its jurisdiction the encouragement of existing, and the organization of new chapters.

Lodges, 389; members, 45,304; increase, 1,518.

Neal McMillan (Port Huron), G.M.

Jefferson S. Conover (Coldwater), G.S.

MINNESOTA.

49th Communication, St. Paul, January 22, 1902.

Gideon S. Ives, G.M.

He reports seven new lodges.

Initial steps were taken to celebrate the semi-centennial anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge next year.

A committee was appointed to consider the expediency of erecting a Masonic Home.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That no person who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, is eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry, or for membership in a Masonic Lodge.

In his review of Alabama, Bro. Irving Todd says:

Bro. Titcomb again refers to their practice of conferring the degrees gratuitously upon a certain profession, to which we have several times taken exception. Under the Alabama rules an active minister of the gospel is exempt from the constitutional provision requiring twelve months' residence before making application, he pays nothing for the degrees, nor

is he liable for dues except at the discretion of the Lodge, which presumably is rarely exercised. This creates a special or privileged membership in a fraternity whose foundation is equality, and the tendency is consequently demoralizing.

Canada for 1901 receives fraternal attention.

Lodges, 228; members, 17,529; increase, 557.

Ambrose D. Countryman (Appleton), G. M.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G.S.

MISSISSIPPI.

83rd Communication, Oxford, February 28, 1901.

B. V. White, G.M.

The presence of the Past Grand Master, John Corson Smith, of Chicago, called forth the most cordial reception. In his happy reply the gallant general and distinguished Craftsman gave some very interesting reminiscences of his travels in the east. The primitive and Masonic manner of landing passengers is still in use at Joppa:

Our first sight of Judea was at 10 o'clock one bright morning, and at High Twelve we were ashore at Joppa, as Masonically known. The landing is not without danger, for, as Masonic history and tradition informs us, it is an iron or rock-bound coast, and lucky are the passengers who land without a wetting in passing through the narrow channel.

There is a low reef across the front of the city, in which there is a narrow passage through which the ship's yawls land the passengers and small coasters may gain entrance when there is a smooth sea. To your left as you enter the passage is an iron bolt, to which, we are told, Andromeda was chained, to be held until devoured by a monster, but who, fortunately, was rescued by Perseus and afterwards became a bright planet in the heavenly firmament. So much for mythology and that iron-bound coast.

As we approached the landing I stood up in the bow of the boat, and in the joy of my heart, with extended arms, exclaimed, "Joppa!"; was grasped by the hands, assisted up the embankment and into the arms of the most villainous-looking customs officials I had yet met.

The only place of Biblical interest in this city, aside from being the place where the timbers were landed, which were brought on floats from the Lebanon, is the site of the house of Simon the Tanner, upon which the light-house has been erected.

One other point of interest, I had almost forgotten, attaches to Jaffa, and that is the fact that it is the port from which Jonah sailed when on his whaling expedition! At the upper end of Jaffa the ground is low. Here is the Consular agency of the United States. About it is clustered the American colony, and this is said to have been a basin into which the floats were taken that the timbers be landed and taken up to

Jerusalem. There being no railroad in Syria at the time of our first visit, we journeyed over that old camel route, stopping over night at Ramleh. We found the hills of Judea precipitous and barren, except for an olive tree here and there, and with many horrid crevices and robber dens among the cliffs. Just such a country extending far to the west of the Temple as outlaws and murderers would seek to escape justice. We passed the brook of David, the village of Abu Gosh, as we had the various Turkish Guard towers by the way, and arrived in sight of Jerusalem early in the afternoon, when the declining sun sent its bright rays over dome and minaret, giving us the most beautiful view of the Holy City to be had. We spent days and weeks in and about Jerusalem, Bethany, Bethlehem, Hebron, the Dead Sea, the river Jordan and Jericho. We were several times at the inn to which the traveler who fell among the thieves was carried, and assure you that any one who cares to travel over such a country deserves no better treatment. While all this land is of interest, the great center of attraction is Jerusalem, and in that city the two principal points are the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Mosque of Omar. The first is said to cover the place of the crucifixion and the Holy Sepulchre, the most sacred points of interest for the Christian in the city, and the other the Temple of our first Most Excellent Grand Master, Solomon, King of Israel, alike interesting to the Christian as to the Freemason.

Did time permit it would afford me pleasure to tell you of the dome of the rock (Mt. Moriah) seen inside the Mosque of Omar, and the construction of the platform, or area, upon which the Mosque is builded, as was that of the famed Temple of King Solomon.

After a careful study of the subject, I find Masonic tradition as interesting and fully as reliable as to this city and country as profane history, and should the day ever come when the vaults, chambers, recesses, cisterns and pools underneath the Temple area are explored, we will be startled at the discoveries that will be there made.

In my early membership in the Craft, I believed, as have many others, that Masonry had its origin at the building of King Solomon's Temple. I do not think so now, for I find too many evidences of skilled masonry in the tombs, temples and vast edifices in Egypt from which the Israelites came. We cite the two pillars in front of the temple as something novel and unique, when it was but a custom of the Egyptians, for in front of each of their temples were always placed two obelisks. In a corn-field above Cairo there now stands, like a lone sentinel, a large obelisk. The companion column is on the banks of the Thames, London, and those two obelisks were in front of the Temple of the Sun in On, the city of Heliopolis, the daughter of the High Priest of which was given by Pharaoh to Joseph for a wife, and that one obelisk is all that remains to mark the site of that famed city.

We entered Syria at Jaffa and left it at the mountains of Lebanon, from whence the great cedars were taken for the Temple. There the people are largely Christian, and they are great lovers of Freemasonry. Next to their love of the Saviour is their veneration for Masonry.

The Grand Master reports harmony and brotherly love prevailing throughout the jurisdiction. The reports of the District Deputies show that the lodges are fast improving in the Adopted Work.

Bro. J. L. Power, their most efficient Grand Secretary, presented his 32nd annual report, in which he gives a number of specially notable events in the history of Freemasonry in Mississippi during the last century. He first attended his Grand Lodge in 1868.

A committee was appointed to consider the location of their proposed Masonic Home, and to receive proposals from different places desiring the establishment. An assessment of 25 cents per capita was made on the lodges towards the Endowment Fund of the Home.

An exceedingly able report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was made by Bro. Frederic Speed, one of the brightest minds in the fraternity. We copy his views on the length of the cable-tow:

Question 1. What is the length of my cable tow?

Answer: A candidate standing at the altar asks this question, and the Master, who had used it a hundred times, replied: "Three English miles." Surely it must have a more recondite meaning, and it has. There has been a good deal of unnecessary mysticism thrown around this phrase, by which its obvious meaning has been obscured. Clearly it has a meaning, as all other Masonic symbols and illustrations have, which appeals to our understanding as reasonable and intelligent men. But it is to be wondered at that, while so much has been written on Masonic symbolism, we get from the books but little real light as to what is intended by the expression, "Within the length of my cable tow," and that what little has been written has been rejected as meaningless, or nearly so. Thus, one of the most brilliant Masonic writers, who has studied with great care and profound learning Masonic symbolism, says: "The phrase would seem to be of nautical derivation. But how it was derived and came into use in Masonry, I am unable to discover. Cable is a word from the Dutch, signifying a great rope, which, being fastened to the anchor, holds the ship fast when she rides. Tow is a word from the Saxon, which means to hale or draw, and is applied nautically to hale or draw a barge or ship along the water."—Lawrence on Masonic Symbolism. And then the same illustrious writer draws the following deductions: "It is between him and them (the brethren) a three-fold cord not easily broken. No length of time or distance can weaken its binding force; but as the ship is held fast by the cable to the anchor, so he is held fast by the mystic tie in all fraternal duty and kindness to his brother, whose honor and interest he will consider and promote and whose needs he will protect and relieve," but happy as is the thought, it does not answer the candidate's interrogatory.

Bro. MacKey, in his Encyclopaedia, under the title, "Cable

Tow," says: "The word 'tow' signifies, properly, a line wherewith to draw. Richardson (Dict.) defines it is that which tuggeth, or with which we tug or draw." A cable tow is a rope or line for drawing or leading. The word is purely Masonic, and in some of the writings of the early part of the last century we find the expression, cable ropes. Prichard so uses it in 1730. The German word for cable or rope is called tau, and thence our cable tow is plainly derived. In its first inception, the cable tow seems to have been used only as a physical means of controlling the candidate, and such an interpretation is still given in the Entered Apprentice's degree. But in the second and third degrees a modern symbolism has been introduced, and the cable tow is in these grades supposed to symbolize the covenant by which all Masons are tied, thus reminding us of the passage in Hosea (xi:4): "I drew them with cords of a man, with bonds of love."

And, in giving his explanation of the length of a cable tow, the same illustrious Mason says: "Gadick says that, according to the ancient laws of Freemasonry, every brother must attend his Lodge if he is within the length of his cable tow. The old writers defined the length of the cable tow, which they sometimes called "a cable's length," to be three miles for an Entered Apprentice. But the expression is really symbolic, and, as it was defined by the Baltimore Convention in 1842, means the scope of a man's reasonable ability."

The dictionaries tell us a cable is a large rope or chain used to retain a vessel at anchor and for supporting weights, as the cables by which a suspension bridge is carried. "Tow" is an Anglo-Saxon word, which means to lead, to draw; towline, a towing line, the rope by which a vessel is drawn through the water; it is also Old English, and had the same meaning. Custom has made a ship's cable one hundred and twenty fathoms, or seven hundred and twenty feet, in length.

Double's our brethren in the early days of Masonry, in England, found, in the tools of their handicraft and in the common implements of trade and labor by which they were surrounded, many of their most expressive symbols, and gave to them simple and obvious meanings, and it was but natural that, desiring to express the idea that theirs was a strong tie of fraternity, they should have seen in the rude form of a ship's cable the means of producing a lasting impression upon the minds of those who were admitted to their fellowship. Seeing that the idea of an indissoluble union was conveyed by the strong rope by which vessels were fastened or propelled, no doubt they adopted it as conveying that idea—the tie that binds us together into one body—and, used in that sense, it becomes one of the most expressive symbols by which Masonry teaches, but it is evident that it has a much more significant meaning. The explanation sometimes given, that it means "the length of a ship's cable," which is but seven hundred and twenty feet, or as some of the mystagogues say, "three English miles," must be discarded as too fanciful, if not absolutely absurd, for the length of the Masonic tie, as Bro. Lawrence so well says, is not to be

measured by time or distance. It is perpetual and extends wherever a Mason is to be found—into the furthest and most remote spot where a Masonic altar has been set up.

We find the phrase used in two connections, one of which need not be referred to, as being but the name given to an implement used in a ceremony, the use of which, in the connection in which it is employed, is its sufficient explanation; but the question we are endeavoring to answer presents it in another and far more significant relation. We tell the candidate that he is to perform certain mutual and reciprocal duties, which extend to the entire fraternity, wherever any of its members are to be found, and he promises conformity to our laws and usages, as they have existed from the beginning; but there is a reservation as to certain of his promises, which need not be specified, that their performance is not to be exacted unless they are "within the length of his cable tow." It is absurd to say that these things are to be done if he is within the distance of seven hundred and twenty feet, or yet, three English miles. To adopt so puerile a definition would be to practically nullify the promise. The definition said by Bro. Mackey to have been made by the National Masonic Convention, which assembled in Baltimore in 1842, although a careful examination of its proceedings fails to disclose any deliverance on the subject, comes nearer to our views than anything we have seen, that it is "the scope of a man's reasonable ability," and yet this is not just the form we would use in answering the question.

It seems to us that the phrase, as we are considering it, has a plain and very comprehensive meaning, which must have been the real one in which it was originally employed. We take it that it clearly means and is but another form of saying, he will do that which is within the spirit of a Mason's obligation; that which binds him to his fellows and the Craft at large; that which may be reasonably construed to fall within the scope of his undertaking. Hence, neither a brother nor a Lodge can exact that of a Mason which is not reasonable, just or expedient; that which would subject him to unnecessary hardship, undue loss or obloquy. For instance, it cannot be said that a cable tow is so long that a Lodge in Jackson can summon a brother in Corinth to appear in person before it, and if it did he would be under no obligation to respond; nor can an individual demand of another the doing of an immoral act, or one which would forfeit his self-respect or lower him in the estimation of the public, for these things are not within the spirit of his obligation. It cannot be that a cable tow is so long that it would be the means of working injury, or that one is outside of it who does not respond to every demand that may be made upon him. He is to do those things which, with a proper regard for the circumstances by which he is surrounded, an upright, honorable, law-abiding, God-fearing man may do, tempered with friendship and brotherly love. It is within the spirit of his obligation that he should respond, as a brother should do, to the demands upon his time, labor or means, which are contemplated by his covenants with his brethren, and more he ought not to be called upon to render.

This we understand to be the spirit of his obligation, and hence, the length of his cable tow.

An impressive Memorial Service was held in memory of the brethren deceased during the year, among whom were no less than three Past Grand Masters.

Bro. Andrew H. Barkley presented another of his high-class reports on Correspondence, but our space is almost exhausted and we must refrain from more extracts.

Canada for 1900 has his fraternal attention.

Lodges, 280; members, 9,856; increase, 284.

Oliver L. McKay (Meridian), G.M.

In September last, the genial, gifted and most faithful Craftsman, Bro. John Logan Power, was summoned to his eternal rest. Bro. Power was one of the most lovable companions it was our good fortune ever to meet. His extreme devotion to duty was a most prominent trait in his character. In all the relations of life he was a man to be admired and loved. The Craft in Mississippi has sustained a grievous loss, and we tender our deepest sympathy. Bro. Power was Grand Secretary for 32 years.

The acting Grand Secretary is Frederic Speed, Vicksburg.

MISSOURI.

81st Communication, St. Louis, October 15, 1901.

Campbell Wells, G.M.

Seven new lodges received dispensations. For the benefit of the District Lecturers four Schools of Instruction were held. There were also eighteen State Lodges of Instruction, at all of which the Grand Master presided. Surely the Craft are well looked after in Missouri. Of their efficient Grand Lecturer the Grand Master says:

The work was in charge of R. W. Bro. Allan McDowell, Grand Lecturer, who for thirty-one consecutive years has faithfully and skilfully performed this duty for you and to whose persistent endeavors is due the present high standard of ritualistic work throughout this jurisdiction, of which all Missouri Masons are proud. Only those who have served with him and wondered at the everlasting patience which characterizes his labors can fully appreciate this "Grand Old Man" in Missouri Freemasonry. Long may he be spared us to continue this work!

The following gives the condition of the Craft:

It affords me much pleasure to be able to report that Masonry is in a flourishing condition throughout the entire

state. In our subordinate Lodges more work has been done than for years, the net gain for the year being 1,337, but our progress has been marked not only by gains in membership, but by a general dissemination of Masonic light and knowledge among the Craft. This, I think, is largely due to the improvement in the ritualistic work, causing the officers and members to take an increased interest in their Lodges. The G and Lodge is to be congratulated on its present efficient corps of District Lecturers, who, by their diligent and patient labors, have so largely assisted in raising the standard of ritualistic work throughout this jurisdiction.

Nevertheless, we have some Lodges that are dead or nearly so. It seems impossible to arouse them from their state of lethargy, and it is my experience and observation that such inactive Lodges are the ones which do not avail themselves of the services of the District Lecturers, and thereby obtain that information necessary to the welfare of every Lodge—that knowledge whereby the officers are enabled to so confer the degrees as to properly impress upon the mind of the candidate the beautiful teachings of Freemasonry.

We also quote part of the remarks of the Grand Master on the Home:

The Masonic Home is the pride of Missouri Masons, as it well may be, for it is the brightest gem in their crown of virtues. Here, our aged and infirm brethren, who are no longer able to cope with the difficulties of life, find a sweet haven of rest and peace, and thus their declining years are made happy, not only in the provision made for their physical wants, but in the consciousness that the Craft consider it a privilege to thus love and honor, in the evening of their life, the craftsmen who have borne the heat and burden of the day. Here, also, the helpless children of our fallen brethren are shielded from the blasting and destroying influences of the world and taught to believe in and trust the goodness and mercy of the infinite Father, who is a "Father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow," unto all such as put their trust in Him. Here these little ones are trained in the habits of industry, sobriety and all those principles of good morals, that will fit them for positions of honor and usefulness in the years to come.

There is not in all the world a grander, sweeter charity, or a more beautiful exemplification of the teachings of our fraternity. And no grander work can engage the thought or claim the labors of our worthy Craft. It has been beautifully said:

"He built a house, time laid it in the dust;
He wrote a book, its title now forgot;
He ruled a city, but his name is not
On any tablet graven, or where rust
Can gather from disuse on marble bust.
He took a child from out a wretched cot,
Who on the State dishonor might have brought,
And reared him to the Christian's hope and trust.
The boy to manhood grown, became a light
To many souls, and preached for human need

The wondrous love of the Omnipotent.
The work has multiplied like stars at night
When darkness deepens; every noble deed
Lasts longer than a granite monument."

In winding up his 24th report on Correspondence, Bro. John D. Vincil has the following on the representative system:

I have had it in mind for quite a time to have a "say" on this subject. Close observation and some thought through the passing years have forced upon my attention a single question, "Does the Representative System Represent?" The Grand Lodge of Missouri recognizes the system, and has favored its continuance since I have been a member of the Body, commencing in 1859. We have representatives at all the Grand Lodges on this continent where such bodies observe and favor the custom. Brother Eggleston, Committee on Correspondence, of Virginia, said in his review of California: "Perhaps custom may yet so change as to render the presence in each Grand Lodge of the representatives very desirable." This would prove true beyond any question, provided such representatives were representatives in fact, and not in name merely. The Grand Master of Delaware, M. W. Bro. Black, said on the question "that in many cases where members of this Grand Lodge have been honored by sister jurisdictions with appointment of Grand Representative, they have failed to be present at the Annual Sessions of our Grand Lodge." In all such cases—and they are very numerous—the system does not "represent." Recently the task was undertaken to ascertain at how many Grand Lodge sessions the representatives of Missouri were present. Of the fifty Grand Journals examined, thirty representatives were conspicuous by their absence. Does the system represent? It may be that in some instances the list of representatives was not prepared and published. But in my calculations it turns out that largely over half of the Grand Lodges where we have representatives in commission, Missouri had no one to "stand up" for her. She was not represented. The same is true of my own Grand Lodge. Out of fifty representatives in commission in Missouri, about one-half attend our Annual Sessions. Some who attend never think to register, and the Credentials Committee does not know the representatives and do not enroll them. Many representatives do not attach enough importance to the system that honors them to report to the committee. We have six Past Grand Masters on our roll who hold commissions from Grand Jurisdictions who do not, as a rule, put in an appearance at our annual meetings. What is the use of such relation to the system if not appreciated and honored? The honor should not all be on one side. Unless there is improvement and the system made to represent more than an empty honor it may as well be discontinued. Yet, I cordially indorse the views of the Virginia Committee that it may be made "very useful and desirable." A vigorous weeding out of those who do not represent Grand Lodges whose commissions they hold, will be one step in the direction of elevating

the system to its intended level and give it a dignity now seriously disregarded.

Lodges, 562; members, 34,707; increase, 1,057.

Joseph C. Finagin (St. Louis), G.M.

John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G.S.

MONTANA.

37th Communication, Helena, September 18, 1901.

Theo. Bentley, G.M.

The Grand Master visited a number of the lodges and found them generally in good condition, manifesting a commendable interest in and enthusiasm for the work. He opened two new lodges.

The special committee on the subject of a Masonic Home reported against the proposal. They found that it would cost about \$6,000 per year to maintain it. This would require an addition of \$2 to the per capita tax, which would be found too burdensome.

The new Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized, as also the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

The Grand Secretary presented his thirty-first report on Correspondence. In his notice of Indiana we find the following:

Past Grand Master McDonald writes an excellent correspondence report from his point of view, which in some respects is very different from ours. In commenting on an observation of ours that a Lodge that would refuse to pay the reasonable expenses of burying its own members ought to have its charter arrested, our Brother says it would be a "dead wrong." We have encountered this charge of commercialism before, and every time we came up against it the uglier it looks. The plea that his own Lodge, to which he has paid dues perhaps for years, has no obligation greater or different towards a member than a strange brother, has no foothold in reason and justice, and a very poor claim to respectability. There is more "commercialism" and of a baser sort in refusing to reimburse a claim for burial expenses, than in presenting a claim, not for personal services, but for cash outlay. It might be said that any general Masonic obligation to relieve the distressed ends with life.

But what is to be done with the body? All Christian and civilized people believe that burial of the dead is a sacred trust and duty. If the deceased left any means of any kind anywhere the first claim on it is for burial expenses. If he had no means and no relative of means, where could a claim rest more solidly than upon the Lodge that made him a Mason and received money therefor in a spirit of commercialism and with a view to just such contingencies, that he might need to be buried at the Lodge expense. We don't believe anyone ever held the position of Brother McDonald on

this subject and felt proud of it. Fortunately cases are very rare where questions of ultimate responsibility for burial expenses can arise, but we still think that any Lodge that would refuse to pay the reasonable expenses of burying its own members should lose its charter.

We are less surprised that Brother McDonald criticises the expressions contained in our introduction. He fails to see any connection between the results of the Spanish war and Masonry. The revival and growth of the Grand Lodges of Cuba and Porto Rico would be sufficient answer. As Masonry has flourished so wonderfully in the United States, it would be quite natural to think it would flourish in any country and among any people under our government. But nobody is obliged to think so if he doesn't want to. Christian civilization did not brush away the Indian savages from Indiana and the rest of the country with the olive-branch of peace. The latter is a very good thing when properly backed up. We are not defending war on general principles, but as we read history every advance of regulated liberty and higher civilization has come only by hard fighting. Masonry and the harmonizing agencies follow after and beat into plow-hares the broken swords and damaged guns. Every advance the world has made yet has cost hard fighting and such will continue, nobody knows how long. Christ said of himself that He came not to bring peace, but a sword. It is a fine arrangement that all do not think alike.

Lodges, 47; members, 3,325; increase, 181.

George T. Slack (Fort Keough), G.M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G.S.

NEBRASKA.

44th Communication, Omaha, June 5, 1901.

Albert W. Crites, G.M.

The fraternity in this jurisdiction is in a satisfactory condition, and the character of their material is unobjectionable. Four new lodges were opened.

The Grand Custodian reports 88 sessions of official Schools of Instruction held in 26 different lodges, with a total attendance of 1,276. Full details of each lodge were sent to the Grand Master.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Western Australia, Cuba, Costa Rica and Egypt.

Bro. George W. Lininger, P.G.M., gave a very interesting address recounting his Masonic experiences while traveling lately in foreign lands, from which we take a few extracts:

I have collected many things, which are not yet unpacked, pertaining to Masonry in the different parts of Europe. I shipped about five tons from Egypt and fully five tons more from Italy and other places, consisting of curios and works

of art. Among them were some Masonic relics. * * * In Egypt I found quite a number of things that I think are of a Masonic nature. I picked up some coins and also some things that I have with me, and I found the emblems and symbols of our Craft upon them. These symbols are traced upon their temples and tombs, where the history of the dynasty is recorded. There is no difficulty in picking out the symbols of Masonry. Masonry is an antiquity. If Masons could see what I have seen they would come to the conclusion that Masonry existed long before King Solomon's time. They had Masonry long before he introduced it at Jerusalem. * * * In Rome I visited a Lodge and had a very pleasant time. I visited them twenty years ago and secured much valuable information in regard to the status of Masonry at that period. Since then Masonry has improved considerably in Italy, but has not reached the place it held before the Grand Lodge was broken up on account of religious disturbances. I think they have at this time about fifteen hundred Masons in Rome; there are some eight or ten Lodges in the city, and, perhaps, two or three hundred Lodges in united Italy, all told, under their Grand Lodge. The Grand Master gave me considerable time and attention, and we talked Masonry very generally, and I am happy to say that it is in a healthy and prosperous condition. There is no such thing as a public demonstration on the streets. There are no Masonic street parades, no Masonic funerals. There are no Masonic funerals even in England. They attend the funeral, but not as an organized body of Masons. The Masons of Italy are really a secret association, and try to prevent the public from knowing when they hold their meetings. They had a very large meeting the night I was there, and I presume there were as many present then as there are here to-night. They have procured an old palace and turned it into a Grand Lodge room for Masonic purposes.

Lodges, 236; members, 12,767; increase, 406.

Robert E. Evans (Dakota City), G.M.

Francis E. White (Plattsburgh), G.S.

NEVADA.

37th Communication, Carson City, June 11, 1901.

Joseph A. Miller, G.M.

A fair amount of work was done and the increase in membership was very gratifying, considering the small population of the State. The Grand Master reports two new lodges.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the reply made by the Grand Master to the proposal of Switzerland for an International Congress:

R. W. Brother: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of one copy each of the report and circular in re the establishment of an International Office for Masonic relations. In reply

thereto I have to say that I fully recognize the beneficial results of united effort. Nevertheless, I am of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Nevada will not give its consent to the proposition of an International Office. Neither would it take part by correspondence or by delegate in the proposed Congress, should such correspondence or part bring this Grand Lodge in fraternal Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg while it continues its unlawful and reprehensible invasion of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of New York, and with the Grand Orient of France in its unlawful invasion of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and in its violation of an ancient Landmark of our Order, in ceasing to require of its candidates a belief in God. I shall, however, take pleasure in submitting the report to the Grand Lodge at our next annual Grand Communication, for its consideration.

In view of the foregoing I deem it unnecessary to answer in detail the several questions propounded.

In this jurisdiction a member may withdraw from membership in his lodge, but he cannot receive a cimit unless for the purpose of joining another lodge which has expressed its willingness to receive him.

Bro. E. D. Vanderleigh presented a very good report on Correspondence. In his review of South Carolina we find the following:

Under the District of Columbia our brother gives as his reason for not consenting to a change in the physical qualification law that the candidate represents the Paschal Lamb, and like it, he should be outwardly free from blemish and without spot. He next states that the animal, being thus selected, is killed, and its heart being found pure, it is ready for sacrifice.

We are willing to take the whole law as typical of the sacrificial lamb, but this is not possible. Therefore if changed it must be, why not change so as to keep our works and thoughts fittest to the Christ type? Rather, say we, accept a candidate of pure heart and one leg longer than it really ought to be, than one, outwardly free from blemish and impure within—a whited sepulchre, which indeed appears beautiful, outwardly, but within is full of all uncleanness. The purity of the heart and blood of the lamb is as essential as freedom from outward physical defeat. You, brother, stand for the outward. We prefer purity within.

Lodges, 20; members, 885; increase, 27.

George A. Morgan (Virginia City), G.M.

Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G.S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

34th Communication, St. John, August 27, 1901.

James G. Forbes, G.M.

He reports continued growth, zeal and faithfulness, and no contentions. He visited all the lodges except two.

The Grand Master was empowered to appoint a Grand Lecturer.

The amalgamation question was disposed of by the adoption of the following report:

The committee appointed under resolution of Grand Lodge in 1899, as printed on page 531 of the Proceedings of that year, in regard to an amalgamation of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces, respectfully reports that efforts made to secure a meeting of the joint committees in 1899-1900 were not successful, and that no effort was made in 1900-1901 to hold a meeting. The committee was continued last year for another year, but it is not advisable to keep this matter open, and the committee respectfully recommend that they be discharged.

Western Australia and Costa Rica were recognized. It was decided not to send a delegate to the International Congress proposed by Switzerland.

Lodges, 34; members, 1,884; increase, 67.

Arthur I. Trueman (St. John), G.M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G.S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

112th Communication, Concord, May 15, 1901.

George I. McAllister, G.M.

A very good way of preserving the Proceedings is thus indicated:

I received a proposition from Major Arthur H. Chase, our State Librarian, to take all of the duplicate reports of the Grand Lodge and make the best effort possible to complete the different sets, and when complete, or as complete as it is practicable, to bind one set of reports of every Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge exchanges reports, and place them upon the shelves of the State Library in Concord for permanent preservation, where they will be at all times accessible to every citizen of the State, and belong to it, provided this Grand Lodge will pass a vote to that effect, and to remain permanently in the possession of the state, in said library in any event, and as Grand Master, I accepted the same for this Grand Lodge, provided the state pay the expenses of completing and binding said sets of reports, which the State Librarian has agreed to do.

I think this is a very desirable proposition for us, for the reason that we shall have a set of these reports in a fire-proof building. If there should be a fire in our Masonic library we might lose all our reports, which are very valuable. A similar agreement has been made by the presiding officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of this State. The State Librarian has possession of these duplicates and is carrying out his part of the agreement faithfully.

Western Australia and Costa Rica were recognized.

In his review of Idaho, Bro. A. S. Wait has the following:

For ourselves we have never felt satisfied of the rectitude of the modern change in our system of Lodge organization by which membership is confined to those who have received the Master Mason degree. We do not understand by what right that was done. It is an established fact, however, and of so long standing and so universally acquiesced in that it is not likely it will be abandoned. We suppose, however, that no one questions that an Entered Apprentice, by virtue of having received the degree, is a Mason, and a brother of the fraternity. But it does not follow that he is a member of a Lodge. And he is everywhere, at least on this continent, denied such membership, until he attains to the degree of Master Mason. He is simply an Entered Apprentice Mason, and as such without the rights or privileges of membership in a Lodge. This idea of membership in a Lodge necessarily following reception of the degrees, as we understand it, is a quite modern one, hardly more than a generation old, and originating in the more lately established Grand Lodges of the American states of our now middle West. When we received our own Masonic degrees no such rule existed in our grand jurisdiction, and after receiving the third degree, in order to attain membership in our Lodge, we were required to make application therefor, to lie over one month, and then be elected to membership by the secret ballot. Until that was accomplished, and we had signed the by-laws of the Lodge, we were, during that intervening month, a non-affiliated Mason in the pure sense of the term. We understood the same to be then, and for some time after, the rule in all the older grand jurisdictions. We did not learn that elsewhere it was otherwise for some time afterwards.

Unless Canada is excluded from the American continent, Bro. Wait is slightly in error. With us an Entered Apprentice is a member of his lodge from the time of his initiation.

Lodges, 78; members, 9,387; increase, 18.

Henry B. Quinby (Lakeport), G.M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G.S.

NEW JERSEY.

115th Communication, Trenton, January 29, 1902.

Joseph E. Moore, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master opens with congratulations upon their prosperous state:

With feelings of pride and satisfaction it is my privilege to announce that at no time in our history has the condition of Masonry stood higher than at present. I am of the opinion that the brethren are attaining better and truer conceptions

of the privileges accorded to them; more fully realizing the possibilities that are placed before them for erecting Masonic ideals; more firmly grasping the truth upon which the eternal foundations of the Fraternity are builded. Let us, then, in all our deliberations, endeavor to conserve the rights and privileges of the Fraternity, and, avoiding self interests, labor earnestly and truly for a common welfare.

On the necessity of a careful selection in the election of officers, the Grand Master has the following very sensible remarks :

The incompetence of presiding officers is of too frequent occurrence and has been practically impressed upon my mind during my term of office as your Grand Master. Many and various thoughts have suggested themselves to me as to the proper means for relieving this very unsatisfactory condition.

With the opportunities placed before the officers of Lodges to make themselves accurately acquainted with the Standard Ritual by means of District Grand Lodges and the schools for instruction held by the District Deputies, there is no excuse for any Master or Warden not being thoroughly and perfectly acquainted with and able properly, acceptably and creditably to confer any and all of the symbolic degrees, yet instances are numerous where they are not able to do so. This arises from two causes—lack of intelligence or lack of interest; either should be easily discerned by the members of Lodges, and aspirants so afflicted should be relegated to obscurity. It is not unusual to see a bright, intelligent, active and efficient Worshipful Master retire from office to be succeeded by one whose only claim to advancement is that he has served as a Warden, imagines that the initials P.M. after his name will add dignity to the individual, but who is utterly oblivious to the fact that he is conspicuous only in his incompetency, and is a subject of pity and commiseration of his more capable brethren. This subject has been fully commented upon in the past, and is tersely treated by the Grand Master of one of our sister jurisdictions in the following remarks on "Rotation of Office":

"My observation has thoroughly convinced me that this sentiment of rotation in office is an injurious one, and, in many instances, leads to dire calamity in the Lodge. If the Lodge has found a Master who is proficient in the Ritual and otherwise well qualified to rule and govern his Lodge with regularity and justice, it should not make him vacate the oriental chair after one year's experience, simply because the Wardens or others of his Lodge are ambitious to write P. M. after their names and wear a Past Master's jewel. A good Warden does not always make a good Master."

To which he might have added in all truth, and a poor Warden never does.

"A Master of a Lodge, in my judgment, should be able to correctly confer the degrees and give lectures as adopted by the Grand Lodge; should be versed in Masonic law and history. He should be familiar with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, the By-Laws of his own Lodge, and should enforce them; and when presiding he should insist

that dignity and decorum should be observed, and should not permit hilarity, heated discussions, nor any speech or debates which might mar the peace and harmony of his Lodge. These things cannot be, and are not accomplished in a year."

Measures should be taken to relieve such an anomalous condition. I leave this matter to your intelligent consideration, and earnestly hope that mature reflection may evolve means by which the existing conditions may be changed, and merit and ability only shall be considered proper qualifications for advancement. It is a duty that brethren owe to the Fraternity never to elect an incompetent brother to a Warden's station; if such an error should be made, it then becomes the duty of the Lodge to correct the mistake at the earliest opportunity, consulting the interest of the Lodge rather than the feelings of the brother.

A large number of distinguished visitors were present at this session, among them being the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York, a number of Past Grand Masters, and other high officials.

Their Masonic Home has 50 inmates, an increase of 16 over the previous year. The cost of maintenance was \$246.18 per capita, being a decrease of \$42.22 per capita from the previous year.

The new Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized. The position regarding the Grand Lodge of Washington remains unchanged, the edict of non-intercourse being still in force.

The time of meeting was changed from January to the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in March.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Charles Belcher, and it contains an appreciative notice of our Proceedings of 1901.

Lodges, 175; members, 19,150; increase, 1,050.

W. Holt Apgar (Trenton), G.M.

Thos. H. R. Redway (Trenton), G.S.

NEW MEXICO.

24th Communication, Albuquerque, Oct. 21, 1901.

Elias S. Stover, G.M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

I congratulate with you, brethren, on the very prosperous condition of the Craft throughout our jurisdiction. We have made a substantial gain in numbers, greater than in any previous year, while with but two exceptions our Lodges are in much better financial condition, and from information from all sources I am confident that, morally and spiritually, the gains are even more gratifying than our increase in wealth and numbers.

Costa Rica was recognized. Belgium was not recognized. The Switzerland International Congress will not have the pleasure of receiving a delegate from New Mexico.

The death of their oldest Past Grand Master is announced. Bro. Simon B. Newcomb was a native of Nova Scotia.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. W. H. Seamon, and reviews Canada for 1900. It is an excellent production. In continuation of his researches into Masonry in Mexico, Bro. Seamon says:

The death of the Grand Dieta undoubtedly removes an important obstacle from the path of Mexican Masonry, but the American Grand Lodges must not overlook the fact that the same dissension continues. Some of the leaders of the Gran Dieta are trying to transfer their membership to American Lodges in the United States and some have succeeded; yet, a few remain with the Grand Lodge of the Valley of Mexico to contest for supremacy in Mexican Masonry, not by striving for recognition in Mexico, but for recognition abroad. I, for one, would be willing to overlook the fact that the scandals proved to have existed in the Gran Dieta were confined to Lodges of the Grand Lodge of the Valley of Mexico and extend recognition to it, provided it could receive the support of the Mexican people themselves. Unless they obtain this support it would be like an effort on our part to support a small army of guerillas in the republic; making lots of trouble, but doing no good for anybody.

Lodges, 21; members, 1,079; increase, 108.

Arthur H. Harllee (Silver City), G.M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G.S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings from June, 1900, to June, 1901.

John C. Remington, G.M.

An excellent photo-gravure of the Grand Master opens the volume, and on the next page is a photograph of the beautiful Masonic Hall on Castlereagh street, Sydney.

Cuba and Porto Rica were recognized.

With the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge, the rank of Past Grand Master was conferred upon three distinguished brethren, all of whom had held the office of Deputy Grand Master.

Very full reports of the condition of the various lodges were made from time to time by the Grand Inspector of Workings. There are also a number of Dis-

strict Inspectors who make quarterly visits to the lodges and keep them in good shape.

As a memorial of the close of the reign of the good Queen Victoria it is proposed to found a scholarship for girls under the following conditions:

1. That a scholarship be founded as soon as a sum of at least £1,000 shall have been raised for the purpose of an endowment, and shall be known as "The Freemasons' Scholarship for Women."

2. That the sum of £500 be given by the Grand Lodge, and an appeal be made to all affiliated Lodges, and individual brethren to furnish the necessary balance.

3. That the scholarship be awarded for general proficiency at the senior public or matriculation examination, and be tenable in any faculty.

4. That the scholarship be awarded only to such student as shall, in the opinion of the senate, show sufficient proficiency.

5. That the scholarship shall, in the first instance, be tenable for one year, provided, however, that should there at any senior public or matriculation examination be no applicant of sufficient merit, the scholarship shall be continued to the then holder, if of sufficient merit.

6. No student shall hold the scholarship for more than three years.

7. The scholarship shall be open to the daughters of Freemasons who, during the ten years immediately preceding the date of the award, shall have been subscribing members to some Lodge affiliated to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales for a period of at least five years.

8. That it be a condition of the trust that all principal moneys under this foundation shall be invested in government securities of the State of New South Wales.

9. That if there shall be at any time an interval between any tenure of the scholarship, and a new appointment thereto, the whole of the interest or dividends proceeding from the fund shall be added to the principal, and be allowed to accumulate.

Bro. W. H. Shortland gives a good notice to our Proceedings of 1900.

Lodges, 284; members, 8,186; increase, 680.

John C. Remington (Sydney), G.M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G.S.

NEW YORK.

120th Communication, May 7, 1901.

Charles W. Mead, G.M.

Cheering and gratifying are the condition and prospects of the Fraternity. They have been enriched with every form of material prosperity:

While we have just cause for congratulation and rejoicing that our increase in numerical strength during the past year is without parallel in our history, I find cause for far greater rejoicing that the spirit, truly fraternal, pervades and animates the entire Fraternity. The vestal fires upon the altars of Freemasonry have been sedulously guarded and maintained, and the Craft in love and in unity have been "pursuing their labors" unvexed and undisquieted by "wars and rumors of wars," steadily going forward in the accomplishment of the objects of our Fraternity.

Five new lodges were formed.

The following discloses the situation with regard to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg:

A communication has been received from the Grand Master of Denmark announcing the fact that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has established a subordinate Lodge in the city of Copenhagen. The Grand Master of Denmark, upon being advised of this invasion of the territory of that Grand Lodge, promptly recalled the appointment of its representative near the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and dismissed the representative of that Grand Body near the Grand Lodge of Denmark. I am also advised that the Grand Lodge of Norway and the Grand Lodge of Sweden, upon learning of this act of Masonic piracy, severed all relations with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

It is, of course, impossible for us to take any action in the matter, because the edict heretofore issued severing all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg is still in force and will undoubtedly so remain until it recalls the charter of the Lodge established by it in this city, which is still in existence, and until it acknowledges the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of New York over the territory it occupies.

On their Masonic Home, Bro. Mead says:

Nothing is wanting in the superb superintendence of M. W. Bro. Anthony. The highest expectations and desires of the brethren have been realized, and it is what the world regards it, a model Home. While our M. W. brother enjoys high distinction for his Masonic erudition, and his scholarly accomplishments as the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, his greatest achievement, and that which will be an enduring monument, is his work in the Home.

The heart of the whole Craft went out to him in tenderest sympathy, when the darkness of the greatest bereavement that can come to a man fell upon him in the death of his most estimable wife.

The reports of the District Deputies bear excellent witness to the zeal and fidelity of the Grand Lecturer.

The Home has 241 inmates. The per capita cost of maintenance for the year was \$189.93.

The report of Bro. Peter Ross, the Grand Historian, is very interesting. After giving the Masonic history of the war of 1812, Bro. Ross proceeds:

Of the twenty-three Lodges which, according to the min-

utes, "were ordered to the front," ten have long since passed away—New Jerusalem (a Bloomingdale Lodge); Wood's, Warren, Clinton (united with St. John's, No. 1); Morton, St. John's, No. 6; Erin, Newtown, Hiram, and St. Andrew's; the latter two being the only Lodges on the list which took part in the organization, under Grand Master Walter, of our Grand Lodge. Abram's Lodge has lost its identity and its historic claim under its modern name of Pioneer, in spite of the early number (twenty) which it owns. The other Lodges named are yet with us, most of them showing by their success in the present that antiquity and pride of years in Masonry are not incompatible with modern progress; that in them the spirit of the past and that of the present press forward lovingly, hand in hand.

Freemasonry, we are told by our aesthetic brethren, is a system of philosophy teaching by symbols. As the events of the historic past are but symbols to us, it seems in keeping with the fitness of things that each branch of our history which we may study should yield us some lesson. I believe that the main cause which prompted the Grand Lodge to go to war was politics, not patriotism. The institution had so drifted under the political leaders of the State, even under the Livingstons, De Witt Clinton, Daniel D. Tompkins and Cadwallader Colden, that it was thoroughly identified with politics. Nay, it was even being used by politicians, and much was settled in its sanctums in obedience to political behest rather than from purely Masonic prompting. In the Craft were to be found the most reputable citizens, the leading lawyers, clergymen, and professional men in each district; and every man prominent in politics belonged, in name at least, to the Craft. It could not be otherwise under such leaders as Clinton and Tompkins, and in saying this I mean no disrespect to the memory of these gifted statesmen. But the pre-eminence which the Craft under their lead achieved laid it open to attack, and the attack came sooner than could have been anticipated.

In 1814 we see the brethren marching down to the old Brooklyn Ferry with drums beating and colors flying, and amid cheers from the spectators. Little more than ten years passed, and a Mason would not dare show himself on the streets of New York, and from every quarter of the State rose a shout of denunciation at the very name of the Craft.

Brethren were stoned when performing the last sad rites; acknowledgment of Masonic affiliation meant public oblivion; men were sent to prison for no crime other than that they belonged to the fraternity; the churches refused them membership; in some courts the testimony of a professed Mason was regarded with the suspicion which would be attached to the evidence of a convicted criminal. Many other details of the persecution might be recalled, but it may be summed up by saying that it was complete, malignant, and despicable. Anti-Masonry became a power—a frightful power—so far-reaching and potent that it tried to seat a President in the White House and capture the government of the land. Under the political and social pressure Lodges went down like card houses, and thousand after thousand of men who had

taken the obligation of the Craft publicly renounced it, and even men who had held high honor in its councils became, like Cadwallader Colden, its most bitter traducers.

In 1825, when the storm commenced, there were 480 Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge. In 1840, when it had spent its force and the people began to be aware that they had been made the victims of a set of shrewd political manipulators, that they had contributed another chapter to the record of popular delusions, the number was reduced to 70, and of these fully a third, if not actually dead, were practically in a condition of decorous composure.

So I take it that the lesson of the War of 1812 is to keep Masonry strictly out of politics—maintain it in a different realm of its own from that in which we discuss and weigh the passing topics of the times.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Appreciating the great services rendered the Craft by R.W. Charles W. Cushman, and deeply regretting that his physical condition compels him to decline the office of Senior Grand Warden.

Resolved, That as an expression of our esteem, Bro. Charles W. Cushman be and is hereby made Honorary Past Grand Master with the title of Most Worshipful.

M.W. William A. Brodie, Past Grand Master, addressed the Grand Lodge in reference to the unusual services rendered by the Grand Secretary during his twenty years in office, and submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That as an expression of our esteem, Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers be and is hereby made Honorary Past Grand Master with the title of Most Worshipful.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica be, and is, recognized as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge, and that fraternal relations, through the appointment of Grand Representatives, be exchanged therewith.

Resolved, That action upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia for recognition be deferred.

Resolved, That the M.W. Grand Master be authorized to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand National Lodge of Freemasons of Germany and the Grand Lodge of Prussia, called "Royal York," by the interchange of representatives.

Resolved, Pending further proceedings by the Grand Lodge of Washington relative to the matter referred to by the M.W. Grand Master in his address, we recommend that full authority be given to him to take such action as may be deemed necessary in respect thereto.

Bro. Jesse B. Anthony presented his thirteenth report on Correspondence. Canada for 1900 has a good notice.

Lodges, 750; members, 106,235; increase, 4,687.

Charles W. Mead (Albany), G.M.

Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G.S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Annual Communication, Christchurch, April 25, 1901.
Alexander S. Russell, G.M.

Considerable discussion was had on the question of representation at Grand Lodge, and to secure a better attendance, it was proposed to pay the expenses of one delegate from each lodge. Another plan was to restrict the jurisdiction and to have only a limited representation. The following amendment was finally carried:

That this Communication of Grand Lodge expresses its approval of a scheme of direct Lodge representatives, and remits the details of the scheme as to proportion of traveling expenses to be paid to representatives out of Grand Lodge funds, etc., to the Board of General Purposes, for a full report at the next Communication of Grand Lodge.

The establishment of a new lodge in New Zealand by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, after the latter had recognized the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, has occasioned vigorous protests by New Zealand. Scotland evidently does not understand the term "recognition," as used by us. It is quite willing to recognize and hold fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, but at the same time insists that it has a perfect right to plant other lodges in that territory. Seemingly, the preservation of harmony among the brethren is of little consequence in their eyes, as they (the Scottish authorities) are doing their best to create discord and promote dissension. No doubt they had a right to sustain their own lodges in New Zealand who did not desire to join the new Grand Lodge, but to form a new lodge there after recognition is an entirely different matter. That is an act that no self-respecting Grand Lodge could submit to. It means war, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland must have known it. The following proceedings were had:

In discussing this section of the report, the Grand Secretary said he had received no further communication from the Grand Secretary of Scotland, and the matter rested as stated in the report. The Grand Lodge of Scotland professed to be entirely satisfied with the discretionary power placed in the hands of its Provincial Grand Masters, and had promised to back them up in whatever they did.

The Grand Master said that on enquiry in Stratford the other day he found that Lodge Mahara would very shortly be no Lodge at all, for it was receiving no support whatever. He did not think there were more than six members altogether.

R.W. Bro. Corkhill and V.W. Bro. Warren were looking after the interests of New Zealand Freemasonry in this matter with the utmost vigilance, and taking great care that no New Zealand Brethren attempted to attend Lodge Mahara.

The Grand Secretary suggested that Grand Lodge should instruct the Board of General Purposes to take further steps by sending an ultimatum to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

M.W. Bro. Barron said he had the honor to hold the appointment, on the recommendation of the Grand Master, of representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near this Grand Lodge. If the Grand Lodge of Scotland persisted in conduct so unmasonic, and so much at variance with all the rules known to Freemasons, he would consider that he was not honored in holding that position, and he would deem it to be his duty to hand the Grand Master his resignation for transmission to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He would be very sorry to precipitate an ultimatum if there was any possibility of the matter being amicably arranged, but here and now he tendered to the Grand Master his resignation as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to be used by the Grand Master as he saw fit, should all other efforts fail in bringing the Grand Lodge of Scotland to a recognition of its proper Masonic position in the matter.

V.W. Bro. Binns thought that before Bro. Barron tendered his resignation it would be as well to pause, and ask what the position of representative of a foreign Grand Lodge was? whether this was not a time when the functions of such a representative could be exercised with very great benefit to the Craft. If the Board of General Purposes got into communication with the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he might be enabled to show that Grand Lodge wherein it was wrong, and so be able to heal this difficulty in the easiest and quickest manner.

R.W. Bro. Kaye also thought such a representation would be beneficial.

M.W. Bro. Barron pointed out that New Zealand had a representative near the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was his duty to look to our interests there, and through him that communications of the kind should go.

M.W. Bro. Thomson asked if the terms of recognition on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland were identical with those used by the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Secretary read the letter of the Grand Secretary of Scotland as follows:

Freemasons' Hall,
Edinburgh, 2nd March, 1899.

(SEAL)

Rev. William Ronaldson.

Grand Secretary,

Christchurch, New Zealand.

Dear Brother Grand Secretary:

It is a great pleasure to me to have to intimate to you that Grand Lodge has resolved to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and to open fraternal relations with it, under the declaration and reservation that the Grand Lodge of Scotland retains its jurisdiction unimpaired over its Lodges in

New Zealand who may choose to continue their allegiance to it, and also that the rights and jurisdiction of the three Scottish District Grand Lodges in New Zealand over such Lodges and Scottish interests be reserved.

I am sure you will share my pleasure in making this announcement. I have wired to our District Grand Masters in New Zealand.

Ever with best wishes,

D. MURRAY LYON,

Grand Secretary.

Proceeding, the Grand Secretary said it seemed to him that the reservation was confined to the Lodges in existence at the time the letter was written.

The Grand Master said the Grand Lodge of England laid down the terms of its recognition very clearly indeed, and at great length, with no possibility of mistake. The Grand Lodge of Ireland immediately followed exactly in the same terms. There was no reason why the Grand Lodge of Scotland should not have done the same. Unless it did so, there was no real recognition at all, and New Zealand was better without it.

R. W. Bro. Hardy said that at the time when recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of England, many distinguished Freemasons thought it was derogatory to New Zealand to receive recognition at the price that was demanded. However, it was thought better to accept the restrictions, in the hope that in course of time they would be removed. When recognition came from Scotland, he could not help being struck with the fulness and freedom of its terms, for it seemed to be almost without restriction. Now, why all the Provincial Grand Masters were misconstruing the recognition was beyond comprehension. He had full confidence in the discretion of the Auckland Board, and he thought it should be a direction from Grand Lodge that the Board should deal with the matter in whatever way it considered wise.

R. W. Bro. Griffiths quoted the provision that the rights and jurisdiction of the Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges in New Zealand over the Lodges and Scottish interests were to be reserved. It was evident that it was on the interpretation placed on these words that the Provincial Grand Masters had acted, and had satisfied the Grand Lodge of Scotland that they had not violated the terms of recognition. Would it not be better, in the interests of conciliation, to address a letter to the Grand Lodge of Scotland expressing surprise at the interpretation placed on the letter of recognition, and asking that the terms of recognition be altered so as to coincide exactly with those of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, so that in the future there should be no doubt at all? That would be better than to take umbrage against an older institution than our own, and thereby give offence to those brethren whom we are anxious to conciliate, and whom we hoped would in course of time become members of our own Constitution. He moved that that course be recommended to the Board for its consideration.

R. W. Bro. F. J. Smith seconded the motion.

Bro. Lee considered it extraordinary that the Grand Lodge of Scotland should, in the face of its letter of recognition, attempt to institute new Lodges. If the term "Scotch interests" was to be read as applicable to the Lodges, and to new Lodges, then the word "lodge" need not have been used in the letter. The tenor of the letter was that existing Lodges might continue, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland reserved its rights over such Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had given New Zealand a certain status, and, if it was going to back down, New Zealand should take a stand.

The Grand Master said the letter referred to the Scottish Lodges, and then to Scottish interests. An interest was a thing that must at that time have had an existence. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had no interest in this particular Lodge, because it did not then exist. He felt assured it was never intended, when the letter was written, that new Scottish Lodges should be established in this territory.

W. Bro. Stevenson thought it was possible for our Grand Lodge to carry humility too far. It had been subservient quite long enough to other Constitutions, and had taken a great many insults from their Lodges. Now it should take a dignified stand.

M.W. Bro. Thomson agreed that a dignified stand should be taken, and thought that dignity would be enhanced if the Grand Lodge of Scotland were given to understand that we were not going to be trifled with. But, instead of taking the extreme step of advising other Grand Lodges that we had ceased to have relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, we should first give that Grand Lodge the opportunity of withdrawing from the position, if it would, within, say, six months. That, he thought, was what the Board should consider.

R.W. Bro. Kaye thought an extreme course undesirable at the present stage. Probably the position arose more from a misunderstanding on the part of those who ruled in Scotland than from anything else. The best course would be to get the New Zealand representative of Scotland to take action and bring his personal influence to bear, in which case he believed that in a short time that difficulty would be removed.

In regard to the possibility of a misunderstanding, the Grand Secretary pointed out that Bro. McCullough "fished" hard for a cablegram from Scotland telling him he had power to establish Lodges. But the Scottish authorities declined to give it to him. They virtually said, however, "You do it, and we will see you through." There was no misunderstanding, on our part or theirs.

The Grand Master said he believed that if the annual Communication had not been so near at hand the Board of General Purposes would have taken firm action in the direction indicated by M.W. Bro. Thomson. But it was thought better to wait for an expression of opinion from Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, in answer to a question, said that there was no mention of the matter in the report of the last quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It seemed that the Foreign and Colonial Committee had previously been given power to act, and had acted.

W. Bro. Tombs (Christchurch) asked whether Grand Lodge, if it relegated the matter to the Board of General Purposes, would not be shirking its own responsibility.

R.W.Bro. Cooper, as President of the Board, said the Board had felt that this was a very delicate question, and one that required firm handling. On the other hand it considered that it was not advisable to take the full responsibility on its shoulders when Grand Lodge was to meet so soon. He was sure a resolution of Grand Lodge would have more effect than one coming merely from the Board. They should try to conciliate, but at the same time make it clear that if the Grand Lodge of Scotland did not give way they must break off diplomatic relations.

R.W. Bro. Griffiths withdrew his motion, and it was agreed that the matter be left to the Board of General Purposes, with power to act.

In the Proceedings of the half-yearly Communication held at Dunedin, November 7, 1901, we find the subsequent correspondence:

6. Invasion of our territory by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.—The following letter was written to the Grand Lodge of Scotland on 23rd May, 1901:

Grand Lodge of New Zealand,
Auckland, May 23, 1901.

Bro. David Reid, Grand Secretary, Edinburgh:

V.W. Sir and Dear Brother: Referring to the letter written by your esteemed predecessor in office on 5th December, 1900, in which it is promised that our letters and communications on the subject of the establishment by your Grand Lodge of new Lodges in this colony would be brought under the consideration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the February Quarterly Communication, and its deliverance communicated to us. I am now directed to remind you that we have not yet received the deliverance of your Grand Lodge.

Under separate cover I am posting you copies of the report to Grand Lodge of our Board of General Purposes, in which you will find a synopsis of the whole matter in dispute, and this will enable you to realize the gravity of the position.

Our Grand Lodge is very unwilling to take any steps which will create a breach of the fraternal relations existing between us; firstly, because the matter in dispute is capable of adjustment without sacrifice of dignity on the part of either Grand Lodge; and secondly, because we know well that the great majority of Masons under your jurisdiction in New Zealand strongly disapprove of the action of your Provincial Grand Master in establishing "Mahara" Lodge.

I am instructed to again urge upon your Grand Lodge the propriety of giving the subject further consideration with the view to an amicable settlement of the matter in dispute.

I find that your Grand Lodge has not yet submitted to us the name of a brother to represent our Grand Lodge near yours, and shall be glad if you will kindly attend to this

without delay, as the services of our representative in Edinburgh might prove valuable at this juncture in arriving at a solution of our difficulty.

The report of the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge is now in the hands of the printers, and I will forward copies to you as soon as available, in order that you may be fully informed of our position in relation to this unfortunate occurrence. We feel strongly that you have allowed your better judgment to be biased by those in this colony who are actuated by feelings of personal antagonism to us, and have thus been led into upholding what you cannot justify as being expedient, or in accordance with the spirit of the recognition accorded to us.

Assuring you of our strong desire to arrive at a friendly settlement of our dispute, I am, V.W. sir and dear brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

MALCOLM NICCOL, P.G.M.,
Grand Secretary.

To which the following reply has been received:

Grand Lodge of Scotland, Freemasons' Hall,
Edinburgh, 1st August, 1901.

Dear Sir and Brother: I was favored with your letter of the 23rd May, which has been under the consideration of this Grand Lodge. As you have issued a circular letter, dated 5th December, 1900, to your Lodges, in which you inform them that the Scotch Lodge at Opunake is not to be recognized, and that its members are clandestine and irregular Masons, incapable of being admitted into any Lodge under your Grand Lodge, and prohibit your Lodges from receiving as visitors the R.W. Brother McCullough (the Provincial Grand Master of Scotland at Auckland), Bro. Wm. Caron (the Provincial Grand Secretary there), and any members of the Lodge Hinemoa, No. 786, S.C., in consequence of certain things done by them, or to which they were parties, under the authority of this Grand Lodge, it declines further consideration of your letters until the 3rd, 4th and 5th paragraphs of that circular letter have been recalled, and which, I hope, you will see the propriety of at once doing.

Yours fraternally,

DAVID REID, Grand Secretary.

Malcolm Niccol, Esq.,
Grand Secretary's Office,
Auckland.

The full text of the circular referred to will be found in last report of this Board, and the clauses to which exception is taken are as follows:

(3) On Saturday, 25th November, 1900, a Lodge was opened and constituted at Opunake, in Tarranaki, in this colony, by R.W. Brother William McCullough, Provincial Grand Master, under the Scottish Constitution, in defiance of our protest, and after receiving formal notice that he was acting illegally.

(4) You will therefore take notice that the Scotch Lodge opened at Opunake on 24th November is not to be recognized by you as a regular Lodge, but all members of it are to be regarded by you as clandestine and irregular Masons, in-

capable of being admitted into any Lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

5) Acting under instructions from the Board of General Purposes, I am further directed to inform you that all concerned in or in any way responsible for the establishment of this illegal Lodge, are to be rigorously excluded from your Lodge. I am trying to obtain a complete list of the names of those present on the occasion of the opening of the irregular Scotch Lodge, and will furnish you with a copy of the same. Meantime you are prohibited from receiving as visitors R.W. Brother McCullough, P.G.M.; Brother William Caron, P.G., Secretary, or any member of Lodge Hinefoa, No. 786, S.C.

The Board regards the request for withdrawal of these clauses only of the circular as indicating a willingness to discuss the position on its merits, and as the main object is not the mere assertion of our undoubted rights, but also to secure full, free, and unqualified recognition of those rights by Scotland, it was decided to reply:

"That without prejudice to the rights and position of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the Board is willing to recall the paragraphs in the circular of 5th December, 1900, which are objected to by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to sanction and recognize Lodge Mahara as a regular Lodge, provided the Grand Lodge of Scotland accepts and confirms the terms of recognition agreed upon between the Grand Lodges of England and New Zealand as the basis of the recognition extended by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and that no new Lodge shall in future be established in New Zealand by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or under its authority."

Lodges, 117; members, 5,385; increase, 204.

Alex. S. Russell (Auckland), G.M.

Malcolm Niccol (Auckland), G.S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

115th Communication, Raleigh, January 14, 1902.

B. S. Royster, G.M.

The address gives a good view of the state of the Craft:

During the year I have been called upon only a few times to straighten out little differences between Lodges and individual brethren. The true spirit of Masonry seems to be abroad in North Carolina, and I am constrained to believe that we are entering upon an era of great prosperity and usefulness. We have increased in numbers, and this increase is made up of the best type of North Carolina manhood. Quality has not been sacrificed in the interest of quantity. Our brightest and best young men are seeking admission, and I am rejoiced at their coming. We can help them and they can help this grand old Fraternity, which, for more than an hundred years, has stood for peace, prosperity,

charity, virtue, liberty, and freedom. From all sections of the State the glad tidings have come, and my heart is filled with joy unspeakable.

The report of the Grand Secretary is especially gratifying. It shows a large increase in membership and revenue. One of the most encouraging features of the past year's work is that the receipts show an increase of more than \$700 over the previous year. Our most efficient Grand Secretary deserves the thanks of the brethren for his labors in this respect.

The Grand Lecturers have been busy and the brethren are still striving to obtain and practice the authorized work. Weak Lodges have been strengthened, dark places have been lighted up, till from one end of the State to the other is heard the progress of Masonry. There are a few Lodges which have not caught the inspiration, but it is spreading, my brethren, and it will not be long before more than twenty-five thousand "good men and true" of the Old North State will proudly march under the banners of Freemasonry. "So mote it be."

Dispensations were issued for six new lodges.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum has 221 inmates. The per capita cost of maintenance and education was \$50.86.

The Grand Master requested Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, to retire, and recognized Past Grand Master John Cotten, who spoke of the excellent condition of the Grand Lodge finances, and stated that it was due to the faithful work of our efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. John C. Drewry.

That Brother Drewry would not accept an increase in salary, although the work was now double what it was when he was elected Grand Secretary.

He thought the Grand Lodge should show its appreciation for the work of its Grand Secretary, and that as he was shortly to be married, he moved that a committee of three be appointed to select and present to Brother Drewry and his bride a bridal present worthy of the Grand Lodge and the esteem it felt for him, as its Grand Secretary.

The motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

A committee was appointed to codify the decisions and laws of the Grand Lodge.

In his review of Canada for 1901, Bro. John Collins says:

There are reported about seventy special dispensations and forty or more are for such purposes as attending church, holding a ball or assembly or an "at home." It is assumed that those who attend and enjoy these functions pay for the fun, and that the proceeds go to the Benevolent Fund. At any rate, the drafts upon this fund for the year amounted to the sum of \$11,800, and hundreds of deserving people were helped, the beneficiaries being mostly widows.

That the Craft of Canada is prosperous is not surprising when it is found that 225 pages of this volume, or about one-

half of it, are devoted to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

We also copy the following from his notice of Montana:

We are not opposed in any sense to the multiplication of Masonic charities, or even to the building of palatial quarters for the poor of our household, but it does not seem wise to expend such large sums for buildings, grounds, maintenance and administration, which if invested would furnish money enough to keep all these old men and women in comfort amongst their relatives and friends.

There are, to our mind, very strong reasons for building and maintaining Homes for orphan boys and girls, and fitting them for useful vocations, but the same reasons are not applicable to old people of either sex. You can't safely transplant an old tree. Brother Hedges, and maintain its vigor. After talking the matter over, you will find that we differ but little, if at all.

Lodges, 324; members, 12,012; increase, 375.

H. I. Clark (Scotland Neck), G.M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G.S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

12th Communication, Fargo, June 18, 1901.

Edwin H. James, G.M.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address, from which we quote as follows:

It is a pleasure, brethren, to greet you all for the first time in this beautiful Masonic Temple now in the course of construction, to be devoted exclusively to Masonry. It is a credit to this Grand Jurisdiction and to those brethren who are laboring incessantly in order to bring it to completion. This temple is a magnificent testimonial of the rapid growth and strength of Masonry in this new State of North Dakota.

Our Order has long since ceased to be a trade and has become an art. Free Masonry is an art which teaches the construction of a moral and spiritual temple just as the art of architecture taught the construction of a material temple. Freemasonry has not only borrowed its name from operative Masonry, but also its tools, and it applies those tools to teach men to lead correct and moral lives. Thus we use the gavel to teach us how the rough man may be brought into proper form; the square, to live an honest life; the level, that all men are equal; the plumb, to live uprightly and justly; and the trowel, to spread the cement of love and affection. These, with many other tools and emblems, are used to convey great and important truths, and are absolutely essential to Freemasonry. No man can attentively listen to the lessons inculcated by our Order without feeling more disposed to seek the power to attain that tone of life

and character unanimously adopted and set before us in the Lodge.

A petition for a new lodge must have twenty signatures, instead of eleven as heretofore.

Lodges, 65; members, 3,742; increase, 250.

Thomas L. Foulks (Fargo), G.M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G.S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

36th Communication, Halifax, June 12, 1901.

Theodore A. Cossman, G.M.

The opening paragraphs of the address give some interesting historical facts:

The century just closed has been one of wonderful development in trade and commerce, the genius of man has made possible what at the beginning of the century was not even thought of, steam and electricity have brought all parts of the world in close connection, surely we live in a wonderful age, and it is fitting to ask what has Freemasonry done for us in that century. At the beginning of it there were but few lodges in this jurisdiction, all but four of these have ceased working, viz.: St. Andrew's, No. 1, established 1768; St. John's, No. 2, 1780; Virgin, No. 3, 1782; St. George, No. 20, 1784. The first three have continued to meet regularly since the date of their formation, St. George's was dormant for upwards of twenty years, but resumed in 1859, and a peculiar circumstance in this connection is worth quoting, the same Master and Secretary who were in the respective chairs when the Lodge ceased working, held the same offices when the Lodge resumed work, twenty years later. The governing power then was the Provincial Grand Lodge of England, established in 1784.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland having chartered Lodges, a Provincial Grand Lodge of N.S., N.B. and P.E.I., was formed in 1841, under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge. An attempt was made in 1862 to form an independent Grand Lodge for Nova Scotia, but failed because of the veto of the Mother Grand Lodge of England.

However, in 1866, ten of the Scottish Lodges surrendered their charters and formed an independent body, and we to-day are carrying on the work so well begun by them. You will therefore see that we had then three governing bodies, each acting independently of the other, and that matters Masonic did not run very smoothly is easily imagined. When, through the efforts of M.W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, G.M.; R.W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, Grand Secretary, and R.W. Bro. J. R. Graham, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of N.S., and R. W. Bros. B. Curren and Allen H. Crowe, of the Provincial (changed in that year to District) G. L. of England, articles of union were agreed upon, which union took place on June 23rd, 1869, none of us who were present can ever forget that memorable evening.

The greater number of the more prominent brethren who brought about this happy change have departed this life, and but few of those remaining take an active part in our deliberations to-day. One notable exception is that of M.W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, whose active interest has never ceased through all the intervening years.

Having been elected to the Dominion Parliament, the Hon. William Ross resigned his position as Grand Secretary, which he had held for nearly twelve years. His faithful service received the commendation of the Grand Lodge.

The District Deputies were congratulated upon the efficiency of the work. A few lodges are prospering highly, and the others are holding their own.

A Senior Warden, acting as Master, was suspended for three months for initiating a candidate contrary to the Constitution. The petition was signed by two members instead of six, and the investigating committee reported at once instead of at the next regular meeting.

In another case the Master was suspended for three months and the Secretary for six months, for initiating a rejected candidate and falsifying the minutes as to the rejection.

Bro. Thomas B. Flint gives an appreciative review of our Proceedings of 1900.

Lodges, 62; members, 3,574; increase, 62.

Thomas Trenaman (Halifax), G.M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G.S.

OHIO.

92nd Communication, Cleveland, October 23, 1901.

Frank S. Harmon, G.M.

Among the representatives appointed we notice R.W. Bro. D. B. Burch, near Canada. They have 25 District Lecturers, and their work is thus described by the Grand Master:

In the main, I wish to commend the work of the District Lecturers. I have been disappointed in not being able to report every Lodge inspected. It would be a pleasure to name, in this report, some who possess the proper qualifications and the true interpretation of what I believe to be necessary to meet all that is required, who, by their zeal for the Order, devote much time and effort to hold Masonry up to the high standard that it has attained. I refrain from mentioning them, however, out of consideration for those who, although fully as zealous, are not as naturally adapted for the work. Instruction in the Ritual and criticism is not all that is required. While we desire perfection in the

work, the Master of a subordinate Lodge, who, honored by the representative of the Grand Lodge, has called together a full attendance, embarrassed, it may be, by the presence of the Grand Lodge Officer, is not helped by harsh criticism on misplaced or mispronounced words.

I was especially pleased by the tact of one of the District Lecturers at a meeting of a small country Lodge where I accompanied him. The Master had whispered to me, early in the evening, that he was embarrassed, and feared he would make mistakes. The work of the Lodge officers was almost perfect in interpretation, but there were a few errors in execution. The Lecturer made his report, talked to the Lodge in a way that would help any striving to do their full duty, and handed his criticism to the Master as we left.

Sixteen District Lecturers visited all Lodges in their districts; four, all but one; and all but twenty-five Lodges have been inspected. I thoroughly commend the District Lecturer system. I also wish to particularly impress the District Lecturers, or those who may become such, the desirability of conforming to the regulation, laid down by the Grand Lodge, of mailing their reports of inspection at once, and of having their annual reports in the hands of the Grand Master on time.

The Grand Lodge attended in a body the funeral of President Bro. William McKinley. The lodge to which Bro. McKinley belonged requested authority to change their name from Eagle Lodge to William McKinley Lodge, and the request was granted.

The following special report was adopted:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Lodge Alpena, of Switzerland, requesting the co-operation of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio in the establishment of a Permanent International Office of Free Masons in Switzerland, have had the same under consideration, and fully concur in the following reply thereto by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. F. S. Harmon, viz.:

MR. P. EMILE BONJOUR, Neuchatel, Switzerland:

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your circular letter concerning the desired establishment of a permanent committee to further establish the fraternal relations existing between all Freemasons, irrespective of degree or residence. I have endeavored to carefully note all of the suggestions you make, and believe that, if such a condition could be brought about, it would prove of lasting benefit to the votaries of Freemasonry.

I am informed that the printed proceedings of the International Congress, through whom you have received your authority to act, has recognized, and does recognize, the Grand Orient of France, a body that, for what has been considered good and sufficient reasons, has been ostracized by the Grand Lodge of Ohio and by practically all English-speaking Lodges in the world.

I would therefore respectfully recommend to your atten-

tion, with all due respect to your committee, and the object sought to be obtained, that, while this body with whom we refuse to affiliate is a part of the congress, I could in no sense lend either my personal or official aid to its organization.

Yours very respectfully,

F. S. HARMON,
Grand Master of Ohio.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the approval and concurrence of this Grand Lodge therein.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence having received satisfactory information that the Grand Orient of Belgium with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal correspondence is now, and has been, holding fraternal relations and recognition of the Grand Orient of France and of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Hamburg, with both of which bodies this Grand Lodge has interdicted any fraternal relations on account of the atheism of the one and the unmasonic and unfraternal action of the other, your committee, therefore, recommends that fraternal recognition and the exchange of grand representatives with the Grand Orient of Belgium be, and is hereby, withdrawn.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, This Grand Lodge recognizes with solicitude that a few of its Subordinate Lodges manifest at times a laxity in collecting dues from its members; and

Whereas, there are in this State a number of unaffiliated Masons, some of whom exercise the right of visitation on an equal footing with those who contribute to the support of the Order; therefore be it

Resolved, That after January 1, 1902, no Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall permit any one to visit it who does not, at the time of such visit, present a receipt for the payment of his dues for the year last passed or a Dimit issued to him within the twelve months preceding such visitation.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham continues to furnish high-class reports for the instruction and entertainment of his brethren. His historical disquisitions are exceedingly interesting, but too long to be copied here. Canada for 1900 receives due notice. On the subject of compulsory membership we are glad to have the assistance of so able an advocate:

Compulsory membership is one of the innovations brought about by the influence of modern so-called progressive (!) teachings, and is contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Free to come, free to remain, and free to go, is the right of every Free and Accepted Mason in regard to Lodge affiliation, and whilst a Lodge has the right of discipline for immoral acts or criminalities of any Mason living within its jurisdiction, it has no right whatever of supervision of his private life or personal affairs not involving any moral turpitude or unmasonic acts. It is therefore pertinent to ask where and how a Lodge of which a brother was

not a member could assume the authority of his punishment because he did not choose to become a member of it—a usurpation of power absolutely unmasonic in the opinion of your committee. The brother may have all rights of visitation and participation in its social relations of that particular Lodge withheld, or its charities and Masonic sepulture denied by it, but it has no further rights, and can not bind other Masonic Lodges or bodies from the exercise of their own judgment concerning the unaffiliated brother, as it would do if such "suspensions from all of the rights and privileges of a Mason" were either permissible, lawful, or Masonic.

Why any Lodge, subordinate or Grand, should desire a compulsory membership is beyond comprehension, except from a mercenary standpoint. As it is self-evident that a mean, penurious man can not be of any benefit to any Masonic body except for his dues; and the little pecuniary aid received from such will never compensate any Lodge for affiliating a man that the possession of all the degrees of Freemasonry would never make a Mason.

The class of Masons whose pecuniary resources and family claims upon them prevent their affiliation is unfortunately not small by any means.

Another very large class are those whose family relations, and even church affiliations, are inimical to their satisfactory enjoyment of Lodge attendance and Lodge membership.

The sensitive brother of either class would naturally and justly resent the discussion by the Craft of his personal affairs.

Another class are those who from personal dislike or reasons of that character do not affiliate—and yet, as in the two preceding classes, naught can be said against them morally, socially, or as citizens.

The obloquy heaped upon the non-affiliate is but a modern fad—unjust and uncalled for. The old regulations said that every Mason "ought to be" a member of some Lodge; but never in any one of the old manuscripts or regulations are the words "shall" or "must" used in that connection. That the non-affiliate was not formally an ostracized brother, is evident from Masonic history, as when the great Masonic persecution was at its worst a Grand Master was elected by the Grand Lodge of one of the largest grand jurisdictions in the United States who was not affiliated with any one of its subordinates when elected, but who accepted the trust and bravely and courageously maintained the dignity and character of Freemasonry until the storm was over.

Lodges, 499; members, 48,349; increase, 2,001.

Ike M. Robinson (Chandlersville), G.M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G.S.

OREGON.

51st Communication, Portland, June 12, 1901.

Henry B. Thielsen, G.M.

The Grand Master reports peace and prosperity, sub-

stantial gains in membership and sound financial condition. This is about the acme of all that any Grand Lodge can hope to obtain.

We quote one decision. We were just about to remark that the last clause was superfluous, when we discovered that the Jurisprudence Committee has reported that the decision was correct, but that all after the word "Mason" should be struck out:

Fourth—That an admixture of Indian blood is no bar to becoming a Mason, but that inasmuch as experience teaches that in a cross between races, the vices rather than the virtues of the parents are apt to be perpetuated, it is advisable to subject the character of the petitioner to a more than usually searching scrutiny.

We are glad to notice that owing to the general disappearance of hard times in Oregon, the calls for relief of sojourning members from other places have almost entirely ceased.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master appoint a committee of three to make such alterations in our Masonic burial ceremonies so that said ceremonies can be used in the disposal of the body by cremation.

Western Australia was recognized and Costa Rica deferred.

Bro. J. M. Hodson presented a capital review of nearly all the Grand Lodges, including Canada for 1900.

Lodges, 121; members, 5,598; increase, 290.

William E. Grace (Baker City), G.M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G.S.

PENNSYLVANIA

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1901.

George E. Wagner, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master contains the following account of the Charity Funds of the Grand Lodge:

During the year now closing the Grand Lodge has come into possession of the bequest of Brother Thomas R. Singleton, who died some twenty years ago, which bequest became payable by reason of the recent death of Brother Singleton's widow. The amount realized was \$26,213.17. This amount, in pursuance of the previous action of the Grand Lodge, was turned over to the trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

The Charity Funds of Grand Lodge at this time are as follows:

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund	\$104,559
The Girard Bequest	64,197
The Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund ..	57,426
The Stephen Taylor Charity Fund	11,957

*Total \$238,139

The Stephen Taylor Charity Fund is in process of accumulation under the direction of the will of Brother Taylor, who made a bequest to the Grand Lodge of \$10,000, with instructions that it should be accumulated until the principal sum reached \$20,000, after which the income should be used for Masonic relief.

The other charities are in full operation, and dispensed relief during the year as follows:

	No. of Cases	Amount.
The Grand Lodge Charity Fund	453	\$3,854
The Girard Bequest	190	2,395
The Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund	178	1,500
Total	821	\$7,749

Besides this, the Grand Lodge voted to the Jackson-ville sufferers 300

And for the placing of the widow and daughter of a late Grand Tyler in a home for old ladies 500

And also donated to the Masonic Home 1,000

Making the amounts paid during the year+ \$9,549

There died during 1901 Miss Phillips, sister of our late Past Grand Master Brother Henry M. Phillips, leaving a will which included a bequest which is estimated at \$24,000, payable to the Grand Lodge, the conditions being that the estate was to go to her sister during life; after her death to two children of said sister, and at their death the estate to be divided, a part going to the Grand Lodge, estimated in amount to \$24,000, as stated. Miss Phillips' sister has already died, and the two children (daughters) are said to be well advanced in years.

I would suggest that when the time arrives this bequest be added to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and that that fund be further increased by donations of Grand Lodge until its principal be at least \$150,000. When the Taylor and Phillips bequests become available the fund will be almost that amount.

Fraternal intercourse was resumed with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Bro. James M. Lamberton reports on Correspondence in a manner indicative of much more than ordinary ability. Canada for 1901 has a good notice. We are afraid to start making extracts from this report, as there

+This does not include the Masonic Home, which is conducted by the brethren through a corporation, and now has property valued at about \$146,000.

The amount expended at the Masonic Home during the year was \$15,120.

would be no knowing when to stop. We wish all our brethren could read it.

Lodges, 436; members, 57,266; increase, 2,376.

Edgar A. Tennis (Philadelphia), G.M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G.S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

26th Communication, Charlottetown, June 24, 1901.

Ronald McMillan, G.M.

On the state of the Craft, he says:

In the several Lodges which I had the pleasure of visiting I was received with all the honor, courtesy and kindness due to your representative, and I found that true harmony, which should ever exist among us, duly exemplified, the membership increasing, and the Lodges prosperous, both financially and otherwise, and the brethren, generally speaking, zealous in their work, although many of the country lodges have the disadvantage of a scattered membership.

Our membership is not increasing as fast as we would wish, no doubt owing to the number of new societies being inaugurated, some of whom offer more pleasing attractions than ours, as well as being able to solicit for new members, which we cannot do.

Western Australia was recognized.

Lodges, 13; members, 559; increase, 29.

John Muirhead (North Tryon), G.M.

Neil MacKelvie (Summerside), G.S.

QUEBEC.

31st Communication, Montreal, January 31, 1901.

Benjamin Tooke, G.M.

Our copy of these Proceedings proves to be defective, pages 17 to 32 being absent. These pages contain the address of the Grand Master.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that the Craft in Quebec continues steadily and surely to prosper, each passing year giving increase of numbers and stability.

The reports of the District Deputies show that the brethren were fortunate in their selections.

The Grand Lodge placed on record the deep debt of gratitude under which M. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, P.G. M. (recently deceased), "had placed it by so many years of faithful and generous service in the many high and exalted Masonic offices which he filled with that marked ability and characteristic urbanity for which he was so eminently distinguished and esteemed."

In the introduction to his report on Correspondence, Bro. E. T. D. Chambers says:

The Ritual is full of beautiful allusions to these truly Masonic ornaments and to that peculiar virtue which is denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason. The initiate himself, at a given moment in his early progress in the science, is emphatic in his benevolent declarations. The fraternity in England, in the various States of the American Union and in the neighboring Province of Ontario have distinguished themselves by their Masonic charities. In our own jurisdiction we look in vain for any monument of our fidelity and devotion to that Masonic virtue which we all profess so much to admire. How long shall we be confronted with this condition of affairs? It is true that we are so happily situated that there are not many Masons or widows or orphans of deceased brethren in our jurisdiction who are destitute of the ordinary means of existence, but Masonry teaches the practice of universal benevolence and charity, and seeks to enfold within the scope of its influence, the entire human race. There are undoubted differences of opinion as to the form that should be taken in the establishment of an appropriate monument to the charity and benevolence of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but surely some plan can be evolved which will commend itself in such a manner as to secure universal approval and prove to the outside world that the rejection of the various plans of benevolence hitherto presented to our Grand Lodge was not due to any desire to save the pockets of the brethren or the treasuries of individual Lodges, at the expense of a sacrifice of the principle of Masonic Charity. As a matter of fact many Lodges expend more upon the enjoyment of their own members "at refreshment," than for purposes of Masonic charity and benevolence. There are others, who seem to imagine that it will be a sufficient reply to the "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these my brethren," etc., to point to the fact that they passed on the applications for charity to others, or voted aid from a fund to which they had never directly contributed.

In his notice of Canada for 1900 we find the following:

The fraternity in both Ontario and Quebec is to be warmly congratulated upon the selection of successors to those deeply regretted brethren: M. W. Bro. William Gibson is much and deservedly beloved by the brethren of Montreal, and of every other part of our jurisdiction where he is known, and M. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns is as good a counterpart of the genial Brother "Willie" as we have in our Grand Lodge. Each may be depended upon to call the other to account should it ever unfortunately occur that it is a long time between visit. May they both live long and prosper in their good work of further cementing the fraternal bonds that unite their respective Grand Lodges!

32nd Communication, Montreal, January 29, 1902.

Edson Fitch, G.M.

The death is announced of Bro. John Helder Isaacson within a few days of attaining his 82nd year. Bro. Isaacson was well known and highly esteemed by all the Craft in Canada. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec from its formation.

The address of the Grand Master contains much valuable instruction, and we call special attention to the following:

Passing to a review of the affairs of our own jurisdiction, it will be seen from the returns of the subordinate Lodges that there has been a large increase during the past year in the membership, an unusually large number of candidates having petitioned for and received the degrees of Freemasonry. No fewer than 400 additions in this jurisdiction for the past year have been reported, making a net increase in membership, after deducting for deaths, withdrawals, suspensions, etc., of nearly 200, against 124 at the end of the preceding year. This is satisfactory as far as it goes; that is to say, that it is gratifying to know that participation in our teachings and mysteries is being sought by so many of our fellow-citizens.

At a time like this, I feel it to be my duty to utter a few warning notes. In the first place let us beware of the supposition that the prosperity and strength of Freemasonry must be looked for in numbers alone. Pleasing as it is to learn of the numerical strength of our Lodges, the quality of their membership is of infinitely more consequence than its quantity. It is of the utmost importance that we should bear this fact in mind whenever appointed upon committees of investigation into the qualifications of candidates, and whenever depositing our ballots for or against their entrance into the Order. The portals of our Lodges cannot be too jealously guarded against the admission of the unworthy. Nor is it only necessary to examine into the physical and moral qualifications of candidates for our mysteries. Our Constitution expressly provides that before the acceptance of a candidate the brethren should satisfy themselves that the funds required for admission into the Lodge are not wanted for the maintenance of the applicant's family.

The large increase in recent years in the number of purely fraternal benefit associations, by which we are surrounded on every side, is very apt to create some confusion in the minds of the younger and less experienced of the brethren as to the true aims and principles of Freemasonry. The good work done by many of these societies has necessarily to be mainly measured by monetary considerations, which as in the case of ordinary insurance companies, can only be effectively assured by the constant infusion of new blood. To secure this, a system of canvassing is often resorted to, sometimes accompanied by a series of rewards for those members bringing in the largest number of new members. Knowing of the

activity displayed by the canvassing members of our Craft, naturally zealous for the more general dissemination of its beneficent teachings and principles, may require to be warned against the solicitation of candidates for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Let it be carefully impressed, therefore, by Masters of Lodges and others, upon our younger brethren that it is absolutely necessary that all petitioners for the degrees of Masonry should not only offer themselves of their own free will and accord, but that their candidacy should have been quite uninfluenced by friends, and unbiased by the representations of any of the brethren.

I cannot too strongly impress upon Masters of Lodges a proper observation of the duty of instructing the brethren in a knowledge of our mystic art. The Master and the Lodge, who confine their efforts to the making of Masons, have no higher conception of their responsibilities and duties than those of any other class of beings who have no regard for any other consideration than the perpetuation of their kind. If the sole mission of Masons were to make other Masons, then, indeed, might the utility of our mysteries be doubted. We are called upon to live up to the principles we profess, and to make daily advance in Masonic knowledge. There is no lack of suitable Masonic literature, as for instance in our annual reports, and in the writings of our own and of other Chairmen of Foreign Correspondence Committees, and we have fortunately, in all other Masonic districts, well-skilled Craftsmen, whose assistance in the work of conveying suitable instruction to the brethren, in the shape of papers and addresses upon Masonic subjects, would, I am quite convinced, if sought for, be ever at the disposal of Worshipful Masters and the brethren over whom they preside.

It affords me the utmost pleasure and satisfaction to be able to report the existence of peace and harmony throughout the length and breadth of our jurisdiction. No complaint or grievance of any kind has been brought to my notice during my term of office. The fraternal feelings which mark the relationship of the Lodges in the different districts go far to indicate that the brethren have well learned the lessons of Freemasonry. May peace and concord, happiness and prosperity, ever continue amongst us, so that the profane, taking note of it, may say, "See how these Masons love one another."

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers again reports on Correspondence, and we are glad to quote the following:

The editor of the Installation number of the London Freemason (July 29th, 1901), says:

There were, till a few years since, two District Grand Lodges in British North America, one under the late Bro. W. Badgley, consisting of the three English Lodges in Montreal, which have remained aloof, firstly from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and then from that of Quebec, on their formation, and still hold aloof from the latter; but since Bro. Badgley's death there has been no district organization. There is now reported to be a strong disposition among the great majority of the members of these three Lodges to cast in their lot

with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but certain obstacles to the proposed union have not, as yet, been quite overcome. I trust, for the sake of Freemasonry, that it may not be long before this much-desired consummation may be effected.

Nothing that has occurred in our own jurisdiction for many years has caused so much satisfaction to the writer as the action of Grand Lodge, at its present Communication, in amending its Constitution, so as to collect an annual contribution of fifty cents per annum from the Lodges for each one of their membership, for the purpose of establishing a fund, the revenue of which shall be available for benevolent and charitable purposes. A more ambitious scheme had been proposed a year before by this writer, but failed to commend itself to the majority of the members of Grand Lodge, and the present action, which is the direct outcome of the previous movement, has its hearty support.

Canada for 1901 has a fraternal notice.

Lodges, 57; members, 4,019; increase, 194.

Edson Fitch (Quebec), G.M.

Will H. Whyte (Montreal), G.S.

RHODE ISLAND.

111th Communication, Providence, May 20, 1901.

Frederick G. Stiles, G.M.

They mourn the loss of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Edwin Baker, who died a few days before Grand Lodge met. Bro. Baker was Grand Secretary for 29 years and was greatly esteemed and beloved.

The Grand Master visited a number of the lodges and reports everything in a most prosperous condition. In ritualistic work the lodges have reached a high standard.

Lodges, 37; members, 5,471; increase, 158.

J. Ellery Hudson (Phenix), G.M.

S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G.S.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly Communication, Edinburgh, Aug. 1, 1901.

Hon. James Hozier, G.M.

From the minutes of the Grand Committee we make the following extracts:

That Lodge Dennichen, Forfarshire, No. 684, be reopened.

That Lodge Felix, Aden, Arabia-Felix, No. 355, be disjoined from the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, and brought under the direct supervision of Grand Lodge.

It is reported that the Special Committee, appointed at last meeting, has purchased feu duties amounting to £82, over tenement property in Bothwell street, Edinburgh, at the price

of £2,296, being 28 years' purchase; and £35 5s 0d over tenement property in Morton street, Portobello, at the price of £987, being also 28 years' purchase. In both cases settlement to be at Martimas next.

On the motion of Brother McInnes, Grand Treasurer was instructed to claim rebate of income tax for the last three years, upon all funds for charitable purposes.

The committee recommend that where possible communications from Grand Lodge should be mailed in half-penny wrappers.

Grand Treasurer was instructed to uplift the loan to the Corporation of Edinburgh, and transfer the same to the Corporation of Leith, at one per cent. above the deposit receipt rates of the Scotch banks, from time to time.

October 24, 1901.

The remit from last meeting of Grand Committee, re appeal by the District Grand Lodge of Natal for a donation to its "Masonic Relief Fund" was considered, and it was agreed to recommend that the sum of one hundred guineas be voted in aid of that fund.

After consideration of the remit from the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, it was resolved to recommend that in loans to daughter lodges, the conditions as printed on page 150 of Proceedings, be altered to read as follows: "The committee recommend that in every loan to a daughter lodge, the whole office-bearers of the Lodge for the time being and their successors in office, in their representative character, shall be bound to repay the amount when called upon."

Correspondence from the Law Agent was submitted regarding feu duties for sale, amounting to £104 13s 0d, at 26 years' purchase, secured over ground at Dalry Road, Edinburgh, but it was agreed to recommend that not more than 25 years' purchase be offered, and that particulars re over feu duty and duplicand be ascertained.

A letter was read from Lodge St. Andrew. Perth, No. 74, requesting a loan of £400 on a postponed bond under the security of its hall, but the Committee recommend that loans to daughter lodges on second bonds be not granted. Consideration of a request by Lodge Doric Kilwinning, Port-Glasgow, No. 68, for a loan of £800 was deferred until the Lodge submits an independent valuation, giving full particulars of the cost of the property and its lettable value.

Grand Lodges of Denmark and Hamburg.—The Grand Lodge of Hamburg having erected a daughter lodge in Copenhagen, and thus encroached on the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the latter Grand Lodge in July last represented the fact to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and requested it to declare that the erection of such a Lodge was an infringement of its jurisdiction, and to intimate its resolution to foreign Lodges with which it was in communication. Grand Secretary, at the request of committee, communicated an application to Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and requested an explanation. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg has replied that, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, certain

persons residing in Copenhagen were initiated in one of its Lodges at Hamburg, and these brethren afterwards requested the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to erect a Lodge at Copenhagen, because (1) "The Grand Lodge of Denmark consists of Craft Masonry, Scottish Degrees, and Chapter, all combined in 'one Grand Lodge,' and that the Craft degrees are in many respects entirely dependent on the higher degrees; neither are Craft degrees sufficiently independent as regards their finances. (2) The Grand Lodge of Denmark initiates Christians only, to the exclusion of all other beliefs."

The Grand Lodge of Denmark has been long recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and must be held to be a lawful Masonic Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to be entitled to all the privileges and exclusive jurisdiction appertaining to such a body. That being so, the committee regret very much the infringement the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has made on the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark; and, further, the committee is of opinion that the grounds assigned for its action are irrelevant, and do not warrant the erection of the Lodge complained of. The committee, therefore, recommend Grand Lodge to find that the Lodge erected by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg at Copenhagen, is illegal and irregular. But, before passing resolutions giving effect to such a finding, the committee suggest that the views of Grand Lodge should be communicated to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in the hope that it may, in the interests of Masonry, recall the charter and so restore Masonic unity.

Western Australia.—The committee resumed consideration of the various subjects affecting this province.

1. As regards the request of Brother J. D. Stevenson, designing himself Grand Secretary of a Grand Lodge of Western Australia, in a letter dated 31st March, 1900, the committee have to report that there already exists in that colony another body of Freemasons, who have constituted, according to their views, a Grand Lodge there. The body is, however, not recognized by the body represented by Brother Stevenson. The Foreign and Colonial Committee have had the benefit of a lengthened interview with Brother Stevenson.

It appears that his body has been formed solely by the Lodges in the colony holding of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and that it has been recognized by them as a Sovereign Grand Lodge; but the Masonic rule, universally recognized in the establishment of Grand Lodges, is that none can be created in any country unless by the act of a majority of the Lodges of each Constitution therein. Unless such a rule were observed, any body of Freemasons might erect new Grand Lodges in any colony against the wish of the existing Lodges, and of Grand Lodges exercising jurisdiction there, and thus terminate their existence in the province.

There are in Western Australia thirty-three Lodges of the English, two Lodges of the Irish, and twenty-eight of the Scottish Constitutions. The latter were no parties to the constitution of the Grand Lodge represented by Brother Stevenson, nor to the other Grand Lodge said to have been formed in the colony. These Grand Lodges have, therefore, been irregularly formed.

The Scottish Lodges in Western Australia are all of recent origin, and the Scottish District Grand Lodge itself has only been about four years in existence.

The recognition of Grand Lodges in other Australian colonies has proved unsatisfactory, and several Scotch Lodges who joined them desire to resume their connection with Grand Lodge. The committee think that the recognition of a Sovereign Grand Lodge in Western Australia is premature. Of the twenty-eight Scottish Lodges, twenty-six have expressed their desire to retain their connection with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and two Lodges only have dissented from that resolution. The recognition of a Grand Lodge in Western Australia would imply the abandonment of the Scottish Lodges, and the sovereign rights of Scotland in the colony. The committee in these circumstances are unanimous in recommending that the Grand Lodge represented by Brother Stevenson should not be recognized.

2. The Grand Lodge in recognition of the services rendered by brother the Reverend George Edwards Rowe, District Grand Master of Western Australia, conferred on him as District Grand Master of that Province, and his successors in office, "the title of Pro Grand Master of Western Australia, having superintendence over District Grand Lodges and other Lodges which are and may hereafter be created in the province." Brother Rowe expressed the opinion that such an arrangement would "secure the continued allegiance of the Scottish Lodges, and strengthen the position of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the colony." See minutes of Grand Committee 16th November, 1899, confirmed by Grand Lodge 1st February, 1900.

Brother Rowe has intimated his acceptance of this title and arrangement; and he and his successors in office will hereafter fall to be so addressed. They will also have a superintendence over any other District or Provincial Grand Lodge in Western Australia which may be hereafter created, and such District Grand Lodges fall to be created subject to that condition.

The conferment of this title does not give him, or his successors in office, any precedence over the Provincial and District Grand Masters of other provinces, except over the other District Grand Masters in Western Australia, and his, and his successors' precedence, will be regulated according to present custom, by the seniority of their respective Provincial and District Grand Lodges.

3. It has been represented to the committee that much inconvenience may arise if the Scottish, English and Irish brethren were interpellated from having fraternal intercourse in consequence of the non-recognition of the Sovereign Grand Lodges sought to be created. This matter received the careful consideration of the Past Grand Secretary, Brother Murray Lyon, and he and the Foreign and Colonial Committee recommended that the Masonic intercourse which had existed between the members of the several Constitutions in the past should be continued.

From all which it appears that Scotland is determined to hold on to its lodges in Western Australia.

A resolution of sympathy on the death of President McKinley was adopted.

One hundred guineas was voted to the Masonic Relief fund in Natal.

A new lodge was chartered in Western Australia.

Knocks and Essentials received due consideration:

The Grand Master said: I have here the report of "Knocks and Essentials" Committee, under remits from Grand Lodge, dated the 4th of May and the 3rd of August, 1899. The full report is not going to be submitted all at once, but only the summary of it. You are not expected to come to any immediate decision. I believe it is the wish of the committee that its report should be ventilated to-day and again in February, and that it should be thoroughly considered in the interval.

Brother W. Munro Denholm, convener of the committee, in presenting the report, said: I have now the very great honor of presenting, on behalf of the "Knocks and Essentials" Committee, the fruits of its two years' work. For two years the Committee has sat upon the "Knocks and Essentials" of the Scottish Craft, and has given them its deepest attention. I consider them the most important points that have ever come before Grand Lodge. We find them very far reaching, and points which cannot be lightly or quickly dealt with; consequently it has taken no little time to consider the report. The report is a pretty large one, extending as it does to 62 pages—including minutes of our meetings. But the synopsis which has been prepared is a very short one, and it is this synopsis we propose to lay before you this afternoon. I would like, before I lay this document on the table, to say how much your Committee has been helped by Brother Orr Sinclair, in fact, I do not know what it would have done without his services. The Past Grand Secretary was unable to assist us, and consequently one of our own number had to be appointed to act as secretary. No one could have done better service than Brother Orr Sinclair, and it affords me great pleasure to mention this in Grand Lodge. I will not detain this meeting, but would respectfully ask the Grand Master and Grand Lodge to allow Brother Orr Sinclair to read the report he has been so largely instrumental in drawing up.

After the reading of the synopsis by Brother Orr Sinclair, it was intimated from the throne that the report and the synopsis would remain in Grand Secretary's custody, so that the members of Grand Lodge might have every opportunity given them of consulting this very comprehensive report.

At the Annual Communication held at Edinburgh on December 2, 1901, the officers were installed and the brethren then celebrated the Festival of St. Andrew at the usual dinner. Grand Lodge was closed during the

repast, but re-opened immediately after, and the toasts were given and drunk and responded to in open Grand Lodge. At the conclusion of the toast list the Grand Lodge was closed about 10 p.m. About 350 brethren were present. In the response by the Grand Master he said:

The Masonic year just ended has been indeed a record year in the annals of Scottish Freemasonry. The grand total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased during the past year by the unprecedented number of 9,320 new members, as compared with 7,608 in the year 1900, and with 7,513 in 1899, then the highest point ever reached.—(Applause.)—The income of Grand Lodge during the past year has been £8,438, as against £7,634 in the previous year, an increase of £1,074. During 1901 the grants from the Benevolent Fund have amounted to £839, and the annuities to £1,420. Since the formation of the Anunity Fund in 1899 the sum of £12,700 has been paid in annuities.

One of their lodges is still entirely composed of operative Masons.

February 6, 1902.

The Grand Lodge declined to recognize a new lodge in Johannesburg erected by the Grand Lodge of Italy.

The following minutes appear on Foreign and Colonial Relations:

New Zealand.—Grand Secretary submitted to the committee a letter which had been received from Brother Malcolm Niccol, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, in which he stated that his Grand Lodge had complied with the request of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and had deleted the objectionable paragraphs in his circular letter to his Lodges, dated the 5th December, 1900, prohibiting Masonic intercourse between them and certain brethren of the Scottish constitution. In these circumstances he requested the Grand Lodge of Scotland to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as a Sovereign Masonic Body on the conditions and subject to the terms of agreement entered into between the Grand Lodges of England and New Zealand.

The committee having considered the matter, requested Grand Secretary to send a copy of the correspondence which had passed between him and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand on the subject to the District Grand Masters under the Scottish Constitution in New Zealand, and to request their views, observations, and suggestions on the matter.

Western Australia.—A letter from Brother J. D. Stevenson representing the so-called Grand Lodge of Western Australia, dated 27th January, 1902, to Brother Reid, Grand Secretary, was read and considered by the committee. Grand Secretary's reply, dated 6th March, was also read and considered, and approved of. With reference to the concluding paragraph of Brother Stevenson's letter, they not recognizing the body represented by him as a regularly formed Grand Lodge,

the committee thought it unnecessary to pass any remark upon the resolutions contained in the communication.

The Committee, however, would only point out that in place of the Grand Lodge of Scotland making an invasion of the Masonic territory of Western Australia it is the body represented by Brother Stevenson which has made an invasion upon Masonic territory which has been for a length of time administered in Western Australia by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to which it has an indisputable right.

April 17, 1902.

The position taken by the Grand Lodge of Scotland with regard to Western Australia is further stated thus:

The fact that the various Grand Lodges in other countries have recognized the Western Australia Constitution is of no consequence. Their recognition was made without any communication or intimation to this Grand Lodge, and in ignorance of what we believe to be a very fatal objection to the regularity of the constitution of Brother Stevenson's Grand Lodge. We have no doubt whatever that if these Grand Bodies had heard the objection which the Grand Lodge of Scotland entertains to the validity of the constitution of the new Grand Body, they would not have recognized it, or if they had recognized it, they would have done so under the reservation of the rights of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It is monstrous to assume that any body of Masons unconnected with the Grand Lodge of Scotland can expel that Grand Lodge from territory which it held prior to the creation of the new Grand Lodge. The parties who erected that Grand Lodge had no right, title, or control whatever over the actions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is admittedly a Sovereign Grand Masonic power, recognized for many generations over the face of the whole globe, and no one beyond its pale has a right to interfere in the administration of its affairs. So long as the Scottish Grand Lodges as a body are not parties to the creation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge in Western Australia, the rights of Scottish Craftsmen exist unimpaired.

As regards fraternal intercourse between members of Brother Stevenson's Constitution and your own, this Grand Lodge leaves that matter entirely to the discretion and consideration of the brethren concerned. If your brethren desire to associate fraternally with the brethren of other Masonic bodies in Western Australia they may do so. Such intercourse is a mere matter of courtesy. The member of one Masonic body is not entitled as a matter of right to obtain admission to the Lodges of another Masonic body, nor is a member of one Lodge of the same Constitution entitled to demand admission to another Lodge of which he is not a member. His admission to such a Lodge is one of courtesy, and it may be conceded or withheld as the Master and brethren of the Lodge concerned may decide. The rights of Masonic intercourse are confined entirely to the Lodge of which the brother seeking it is a member.

Hon. James Hozier, G.M.
David Reid (Edinburgh), G.S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 17, 1901.

Sir S. J. Way, G.M.

The assets of the Grand Lodge are £18,991 15s. 2d.

Representatives were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Egypt and with the Grand Lodge of Hungary.

The Grand Inspector says the work is better than last year and the attendance at the Lodge of Instruction very gratifying.

Lodges, 43; members, 2,594; increase, 109.

Sir S. J. Way (Adelaide), G.M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G.S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

125th Communication, Charleston, Dec. 10, 1901.

Orlando Sheppard, G.M.

The opening paragraphs of the address contain appropriate references to the death of Queen Victoria and President McKinley. Then follows an eloquent eulogium on Masonry:

Let us remember that Masonry is a great moral institution, its aim and purpose is to spread the gospel of universal brotherhood, under the fatherhood of God.

Let us—with the fear of God before our eyes, and the love of Masonry in our hearts—do our full duty, that Masonry may become a still greater power for good, and a still more potent factor in the upbuilding of fallen humanity.

In the past, Masonry has been subjected to the assaults and persecutions of both Church and State, and yet to-day, although hoary with years, she stands forth in all the vigor and beauty of immortal youth.

Behold her as she comes forth from the shadowy mist of the ancient world, clad in robes of spotless purity.

In her right hand—the Holy Bible; in her left, the beautiful and expressive emblems of a royal art, and upon her brow the immortal name of the everlasting God; onward she comes down the ages—moving in an unconquerable strength and majesty of truth, until now, in the beginning of the 20th century, she stands a queen in the moral world, and a ruling factor in the hearts of men.

By means of our beautiful and unapproachable Ritual, the secrets which distinguish us from all other secret orders, are still guarded and defended from the intrusions of the profane world.

It is from the hidden treasures of our sublime Ritual that we forge the beautiful links—which form the golden chain which binds man to his fellow man, around the habitable globe. It is by means of the Ritual that our halls are kept lighted—that the great lights of Faith, Hope and Love are

kept burning around the altar; by this means that the soul of man is sustained, and his heart caused to rejoice in a knowledge of the ever living and true God.

It has come down to us through the avenues of unnumbered centuries, guarded and preserved by means of those precious jewels, the attentive ear, the instructive tongue, and the faithful breast.

By means of the beautiful teachings of our Ritual can the true Mason derive the brightest of unfading hope, and although should a dark and gloomy night of ignorance and superstition again enshroud our future, from our secret Ritual can we learn the name of the true God, and hear sweet promises of hope and life beyond the cold embrace of the grave.

While our secrets are thus guarded by the impenetrable veil of our beautiful ritual, yet Masonry is, and ever will be, an active, vital principle in the government and control of the moral factors in the every day lives of men.

It teaches belief in God; and in grand and beautiful symbols, it teaches the great doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, and the immortality of the soul.

It enjoins upon its votaries the great duty of loyalty to government.

By speculative Masonry we are taught to subdue the passions, keep a tongue of good report, and practice charity.

By it we are taught to be brave in meeting the issues, and discharging the duties of life.

By it we are taught to regulate our lives and conduct according to the dictates of prudence, and to wisely judge, and prudently act in all things, relative to our present as well as to our future happiness.

By it we are taught to be just in our dealings with our fellow-man; to do whatever is right, to avoid whatever is wrong.

We are reminded that Masonic justice is a leading factor of true manhood, and an essential element of real brotherhood. To the study of our beautiful Ritual, and to the practice of the many virtues taught by our expressive lectures, I earnestly commend you; for these are to distinguish us from the rest of the community, and mark your consequence among Masons.

The official visits of the Grand Master were of great benefit to the lodges. Most of the lodges are prospering. Three new lodges were opened.

The following amendments to the Constitution were adopted:

Amend Article 135 by substituting down to the fourth line the following: "Each subordinate Lodge may determine to have life members. Each member of such subordinate Lodge shall have the privilege of becoming a life member upon his paying to the Lodge such sum as the Lodge may fix, provided such sum be not less than ten times the amount of the annual dues to said Lodge," so that when amended said article 135 shall read:

Article 135. Such subordinate Lodge may determine to have life members. Each member of such subordinate Lodge

shall have the privilege of becoming a life member upon his paying to the Lodge such sum as the Lodge may fix: Provided, such sum be not less than ten times the amount of the annual dues to said Lodge. Provided further, that any Lodge may elect one a life member, upon its own motion as a reward for eminent Masonic services; but no life member is exempt from being expelled, suspended or subjected to other Masonic discipline, for cause shown.

Sec. 144. Ministers of God. The Lodges in this jurisdiction are not required to pay to the Grand Lodge membership dues or dues for degrees conferred on ministers of God, unless the same are required of them by the subordinate Lodge.

Sec. 55. After a petition for the degrees of Masonry has been properly received, the candidate becomes the absolute Masonic material of the Lodge receiving it, and jurisdiction over such material cannot be waived by the Lodge or by the Grand Master. The candidate must be balloted for in the Lodge so receiving his petition: Provided, however, that any Lodge in the jurisdiction may confer the degrees upon a candidate who has been elected by the Lodge whose material he is, when requested by said Lodge as a matter of courtesy, but the candidate must be elected to all the degrees by the Lodge to which he as material belongs, and the fees belong to the original Lodge unless waived thereby: Provided further, that if after a candidate has been elected, he shall remove from this Grand Jurisdiction before receiving the degrees or any of them, the jurisdiction of the Lodge over such candidate may be waived in favor of a particular Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction to which he has removed.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1900.

Lodges, 185; members, 6,532; increase, 283.

Walter M. Whitehead (Charleston), G.M.

Charles Inglesby (Charleston), G.S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

27th Communication, Sioux Falls, June 11, 1901.

John A. Cleaver, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master is an able and interesting presentation of the work of the year, the condition of the Craft and recommendations for the future, and it contains an eloquent eulogium on the fraternal beauties of our time-honored institution.

Three new lodges were opened. We quote three of the decisions. The first should be especially noted by young Masters:

1. No signs should be given at the opening of a Lodge until it has been purged and tyled.

3. Perpetual jurisdiction over the rejected or accepted material is not the law in this Grand Jurisdiction.

4. Lodges hold jurisdictional rights to profane material

only while it resides within their territorial jurisdiction, immediately upon its residence removal therefrom this jurisdictional right ceases.

The paragraph on "The Craft" is very pleasant reading.

The condition of the Craft throughout this jurisdiction is excellent, almost every Lodge in the State having had a year of unusual prosperity, some Lodges being obliged to hold all night sessions in cleaning up the work of accumulated degrees, some of which housecleanings it has been my good fortune to assist in. Our net increase in membership during the past year is almost 200, while the number of suspensions has been decreased about fifty per cent. Quite a number of the Lodges own their rooms and buildings, and there is a very noticeable increase in the interest and attention given to the welfare of the Craft; one of the chief causes for this satisfactory condition may be attributed to the quality of the work done which is generally of a very high order throughout this jurisdiction. Nothing adds so much to the interest of our regular or special meetings as good clean cut work in the esoteric and ritualistic ceremonies of the Order followed by a good social time where the cement of brotherly love, charity and hospitality may be mixed freely and generously, binding us more firmly in that bond of brotherhood where only emulation should exist.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

The question of the permanent location of the Grand Lodge was again brought up, but it was deemed inexpedient to locate at present.

The report on Correspondence, by Bro. S. A. Brown, contains a good notice of Canada for 1900.

Lodges, 98; members, 4,905; increase, 222.

Charles Hill (Springfield), G.M.

George A. Pettigrew (Flandreau), G.S.

TENNESSEE.

88th Communication, Nashville, January 29, 1902.

Isaac J. Thurman, G.M.

The address is confined to local matters. Harmony prevails. During his 29 official visits the Grand Master was made to feel that life is worth the living.

In their Masonic Home there are 19 widows, 39 boys and 45 girls. The average cost of maintenance per month per capita was \$5.46. The children of the Home gave an entertainment to the Grand Lodge. The program included songs, drills and recitations.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved: 1. That the Grand Lodge unqualifiedly disap-

proves the publication of its proceedings, or any portion thereof, in the public newspapers, unless the same shall be first specially authorized by the M.W. Grand Master.

2. That the unauthorized report of any of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for publication in the newspapers is hereby strictly enjoined and inhibited.

3. That the violation of this order of the Grand Lodge by any brother shall be regarded as a contempt of its will and authority, and subject the violator thereof to Masonic penalty.

4. That resolution No. 1 shall be one of the standing rules of order of the Grand Lodge, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary at the opening of the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication.

A committee was appointed to revise the Burial Service.

On the special report of the Committee on Correspondence, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee hereby denounces the use of cipher rituals by Craft Masons as unmasonic, illegal, and fraught with danger to the Fraternity, and it hereby calls upon all its sister Grand Lodges to unite with it in an inflexible resolution to extirpate the practice as contrary to the esoterics of the Craft and violative of the ancient landmarks of our noble institution.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee hereby extends its fraternal congratulations to the true and loyal brethren in the State of Costa Rica upon their earnest and successful efforts in organizing a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Ancient York Rite, and hereby extends to said Grand Lodge of Costa Rica its fraternal recognition and greeting.

In his review of British Columbia, Bro. Henry H. Ingersoll says:

This is a subject upon which we presume Masons will continue to disagree as long as they have difference of temper, disposition and social conditions. This writer, though neither a Rechabite nor a prohibitionist, is yet able so fully to appreciate the motives and respect the judgment of his brethren, in the Southern States particularly, who consider spirituous liquors to be the commonest cause of social disorder and the most frequent concomitant of bloody crimes, as they personally witness conditions in our mixed population, that he can not dissent from their conclusions in Grand Lodge formally expressed, that on the whole it is best that no more dealers in these stimulants shall be admitted to our ranks. In other lands, amongst other people, with different social conditions, climate and tendencies, as for example, in Ireland, where the greatest ecclesiastical and charitable donors and benefactors are brewers, such general rules might do more harm than good; but the record of crime in the Southern States, U.S.A., is too full of intoxicated criminals not to suggest to the moralist a social restraint upon the traffic in

spirituous liquors, as one of the potent agencies for reform. And it has been found fairly effectual.

And on Canada for 1901:

Whoever sees the five photogravures of the Past Grand Masters prefixed to this volume will have no doubt of the superexcellence of Canadian Freemasonry or the character of its official membership, well illustrating that Dominion Freemasonry still retains much of the distinguishing characteristics of that in the Mother Country, and that it is, as everywhere it deserves to be, a mark of social distinction to be an official member of the Grand Masonic Lodge. And in token of this in Canada they seat their Grand Master "on the Throne."

Lodges, 430; members, 17,770; increase, 427.

John R. Smith (Trenton), G.M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G.S.

TEXAS.

66th Communication, Houston, December 3, 1901.

N. M. Washer, G.M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

The condition of the Craft in Texas is all that could be desired. Through a failure of crops in some portions of the State, a slight stringency in finances is felt, but taken all in all, our Lodges are more prosperous than they have ever been, owning (unencumbered, in most instances), comfortable halls in which to meet; and though the army of non-affiliates and suspensions for non-payment of dues (who, like the poor, are always with us), does not diminish to an appreciable extent, I am happy to say that they are not growing in numbers; and so with 653 Lodges actively at work, with an affiliated membership of over 30,000 Master Masons, all striving to greater perfection in the esoteric ritual, and to grander possibilities in doing good deeds, there is much to hope for in the first year of the new century, and I trust that we will not be disappointed in the added growth and continued usefulness from year to year of the Fraternity in Texas.

The Grand Master reports seven new lodges.

Two of the Mexican State Grand Lodges were recognized. The Grand Master says that the trouble in Mexico is a never-ending conflict between the powers of the Scottish and York Rites.

In the Home at Fort Worth there are 85 inmates. The average cost per capita for all purposes is \$148.93, as against \$188.13 last year.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the laying of corner stones under authority of this Grand Lodge be limited to buildings of undoubted Masonic, public or sacred character, and shall ex-

clude all buildings owned by private corporations. except those erected for the above named purposes.

Resolved, That in cases of restoration of charters to Lodges long demised, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master, or his duly authorized proxy, before setting such Lodge to work to examine the three principal officers named in the charter as to their proficiency in the work of the three degrees, to ascertain the security with reference to the work of Masonry of the hall in which said Lodge is to meet, and thereafter to proceed as if an entirely new Lodge was to be constituted under a charter originally issued, as provided for in Article 5, Chapter 2, of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the Grand Master may grant a waiver of territorial jurisdiction only over an applicant for the degrees in Masonry in favor of a subordinate Lodge in an adjoining State upon the request therefor by the Grand Master of such State, when the applicant resides near the border of said State and nearer and more convenient to a Lodge in said State than to any Lodge in Texas.

Resolved, That the Grand Master shall immediately arrest the charter of any subordinate Lodge when it shall be made known to him, after careful investigation of the facts, that such Lodge has wilfully violated the territorial jurisdiction of any other Lodge.

Bro. Thomas M. Matthews presented an excellent report on Correspondence, in which our Proceedings of last year find ample mention.

Lodges, 653; members, 29,680; increase, 659.

William Clark (Jefferson), G.M.

John Watson (Houston), G.S.

UTAH.

31st Communication, Salt Lake City, Jan. 21, 1902.

Charles W. Morse, G.M.

The Grand Master visited a number of lodges and has the following remarks on the state of the Craft:

It affords me much pleasure to be able to report that Masonry is in an excellent condition in our State, and that the prospects for the future are cheering and gratifying. The peace and harmony that has prevailed in each Lodge and between all the Lodges can be best expressed by the following lines borrowed from Longfellow's *Hiawatha*:

"Very soft and still the air was,
Very smooth the gliding river,
Motionless the sleeping shadows."

A Lodge over whose sacred roof the angel of peace spreads her wings will ever be prosperous, and by practicing the principles of Freemasonry, dear to us all, within as well as without the Lodge, need never fear to be without occupation. The profane world judges us by our acts, and if they are good and noble, worthy men will unsolicited seek admission to our Lodges to work hand in hand with us in the building

of the temple of humanity, on which Freemasons have worked in the past, at the present time, and will through all the future.

The Grand Secretary informs me that our gain in membership has been seventy-five, but not only have we gained in that direction, but also by a general dissemination of Masonic light and knowledge among the Craft. The Ritualistic work in the Lodges I have visited has, in my opinion, reached a high standard, and I believe this opinion is shared by the Grand Lecturer. The sound financial condition of each Lodge speaks well for the officers and those brethren who have the funds in their charge. Charity has been bestowed on the needy and worthy brethren; the deceased have been sacredly laid to rest, and the sorrows of the widows and orphans have been assuaged; and the social features of Freemasonry, which are eminently necessary to the life and vitality of a Lodge, have been practiced in different forms in each Lodge. Is it necessary for me, my brethren, to assure you again that I am highly pleased to be able to report these gratifying and encouraging facts to you?

That under such conditions the work of your Grand Master was not laborious goes without saying. I have not been called upon to render a decision, and nothing has arisen that needed my official interference, for which we all have reason to be thankful.

Biographical sketches and portraits of six Past Grand Masters and the Grand Secretary accompany these Proceedings, and they add very much to the interest of perusal.

In his review of Alabama the Grand Secretary says:

He can see no good reason why a Lodge should not be permitted to attend divine service in regalia. We, for our part, never could understand why a Lodge should wish to wear regalia when attending church. All samee girl with a twenty-dollar Easter bonnet—too much show. Does it not look so to you, Bro. Titcomb?

He asks: "Bro. Diehl, would you willingly be the thirteenth guest at a table?" We would, sure enough, and more so if we could select twelve other Masons to be with us at the banquet, one of whom would be yourself, to act as toastmaster. We would have the banquet on a Friday, walk to the table under a ladder, have the walls decorated with skulls and crossbones, and have thirteen courses of both eatables and drinkables. Wouldn't that be jolly? Superstition is a thing that never bothered us, not even in the fatherland, where there was plenty of it during our youth.

Lodges, 10; members, 982; increase, 75.

William J. Lynch (Salt Lake City), G.M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G.S.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

VERMONT.

108th Communication, Burlington, June 12, 1901.

W. Scott Nay, G.M.

A pleasant feature of these Proceedings is the account of the presentation of a Masonic Hall and Public Library Building to Guildhall by a former resident of that place, Bro. E. C. Benton, who, remembering the home of his fathers, desired to improve and beautify his native place.

The Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Costa Rica were recognized.

The reports of the District Deputies show faithful performance of duty. The Craft in Vermont is well looked after and consequently is in a very commendable condition.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins. In his conclusion he says:

It is a pleasure to note the growing tendency to place a more liberal construction upon the old regulations relative to physical qualifications, the increasing interest in almost every quarter in the establishment and maintenance of Masonic Homes, and the many other evidences of true Masonic expansion by the promotion of the highest interests of the Fraternity. The century closed abounded in responsibilities, the recognition and acceptance of which, with the faithful and intelligent discharge of the duties connected therewith, both strengthened and beautified our grand old institution. The new century has brought new responsibilities, which can but increase in number and importance with each advancing year, and the question comes home to every member of the great brotherhood as to his preparation and ability to meet the same with honor and credit to himself and Freemasonry.

Lodges, 102; members, 10,235; increase, 42.

Charles R. Montague (Woodstock), G.M.

Warren G. Reynolds (Burlington), G.S.

VICTORIA.

Quarterly Communication, Melbourne, March 20, 1901.

Hon. Alexander J. Peacock, G.M.

We copy a part of the report of the Board of General Purposes:

2. The clause in the Board's report to the December Communication, dealing with the question whether the Master's light should be extinguished in the third degree, having been referred back to enable an amended report to be brought up,

the Board, after further consideration of the matter, reports to Grand Lodge that it finds that the ruling of the Grand Lodge of England on the subject is as follows:

"That the Master's light was never to be extinguished while the Lodge was open, nor was it by any means to be shaded or obscured, and that no lantern or other device was to be permitted as a substitute."

3. The Board reports with regard to Clause 7 of its report to the December Communication concerning the installation ceremony, that in view of the action taken by the M.W. the Grand Master, the Board is of opinion that there is no need for further deliberation on its part for the present.

4. The opinion of the Board was asked whether it was regular to invest a brother as acting Warden, the brother appointed to the office not being present; the brother so invested, afterwards being invested as Inner Guard. The Board replied that the investiture of the brother as Acting Warden was irregular.

The Board of Relief received 229 applications; 74 were refused and 155 relieved to the extent of nearly \$5,000.

The Grand Lodge congratulated the Grand Master on his having been placed in the position of Premier of the Colony.

Other meetings were held May 15th, June 19th, September 18th and December 18th, 1901.

Hon. A. J. Peacock (Melbourne), G.M.

John Braim (Melbourne), G.S.

VIRGINIA.

124th Communication, Richmond, December 3, 1901.

H. Oscar Kerns, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master shows that he devoted a great deal of his time to the duties of the office, and that the affairs of the Grand Lodge were conducted with marked ability. Three new lodges are reported.

The atheistical character of most of the European Continental Grand Lodges is the occasion of the following report:

At our last Grand Annual Communication the chairman of this committee was, by resolution, instructed to correspond with the Grand Orient of Belgium, to ascertain the facts as to that Grand Body being in fraternal relations with the Atheistical Grand Orient of France and report at this Communication.

Early in September the order was complied with, and in reply we have a very long letter from the National Grand Master and a history of Belgian Freemasonry prepared for the occasion by Brother Albert J. Kruger. The letter is also very long, and, being evidently a translation from the French,

the idiom renders it very difficult to read so as to be clearly understood. Both documents avow and defend their relations of fraternity of the closest character with the Atheistical Grand Orient of France, because they derive their Masonry from that source and because Continental Freemasonry is an avowed political movement against clericalism and the Church of Rome.

From many sources during the year has come indisputable proof that not only Belgium, but all the Continental Grand Lodges and Grand Orients, are equally involved in this intimate relation with a Grand Orient nowhere in English-speaking countries recognized as Masonry because it denies the Mason's God, by having repealed all requirement of a belief in a Supreme Being.

Substantially, the same duty as the one imposed on me by your resolution of last year was imposed on Brother Robbins, of Illinois, one of the most learned Masonic scholars in the world, but he was instructed to look into the standing of the so-called Craft all over Continental Europe. His report was lengthy and exhaustive. His conclusion was that there is no Masonry of the English or American sort on the entire continent. He says that the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes in Berlin is as atheistical as the Grand Orient of France, and that the other German Grand Lodges set aside our landmark of religious liberty and admit none but Protestant Christians; that they do not exclude by secret ballot, but require all black balls avowed and justified to the Master's satisfaction, or else they are counted as white and the candidate accepted, no matter how many may have voted negatively.

As to the other Grand Bodies, he says that some are ruled by the so-called higher degrees and some by the fiat of political rulers, and none are independent or sovereign as to Ancient Craft Masonry.

His conclusion is that English Symbolic Masonry is the only real masonry and the only sort that should be recognized.

This report is placed before the Grand Lodge for such action as it may deem necessary, without recommendation.

This report was referred to a special committee of three, who at a subsequent session made the following report, which was adopted, thus cutting off not only Belgium, but also two Grand Lodges in Germany and the Grand Lodges of the Netherlands and Switzerland:

Your Special Committee, to which was referred the special report of the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave to report as follows:

After reading the special report referred to and papers submitted therewith bearing on the Masonic status of the Grand Orient of Belgium, your committee recommends the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That on account of their close affiliation and intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, the recognition heretofore extended to

The Grand Orient of Belgium,

The Grand Lodge of the Netherlands,
The Grand Lodge of Royal York of Friendship, Berlin.
The Grand Lodge of Switzerland,
The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin,
be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

The reports of the District Deputies furnish a fund of information. There are 50 districts, and all reported except two. There are also four reports from Division Lecturers. The Craft in Virginia is surely well supervised.

In his review of Pennsylvania, Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston has the following:

He replies at length to what little we had to say in pointing out some doubtful conclusions as to facts proved by Franklin's account book, and all we have to say is that Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are the two oldest Masonic jurisdictions in America, except Virginia, if we ever discover evidences of a Lodge in Jamestown, and we "reserve the point."

Lodges, 269; members, 13,842; increase, 398.

H. Oscar Kerns (Sutherlin), G.M.

George W. Carrington (Richmond), G.S.

WASHINGTON.

44th Communication, Tacoma, June 11, 1901.

Stephen J. Chadwick, G.M.

Masonry has enjoyed a substantial and healthy growth, and the standard of excellence which should characterize all Masonic material is being more zealously respected.

Four new lodges are reported, one of them being at Skagway, in Alaska, called White Pass Lodge.

As to the proposed Masonic Home, the majority of the lodges failed to reply to the inquiries of the committee. It was decided to tax the lodges 25 cents per capita and \$1 for each degree conferred, the proceeds to form a Home Fund.

On the subject of Foreign Relations the following report was adopted:

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of our Grand Master's report relating to foreign relations, respectfully report as follows:

That we have carefully examined into the several matters submitted to us, and on the question of jurisdiction would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas, this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication for the year 1899, adopted a series of resolutions for the purpose of explaining and making more definite the position of the Grand Lodge upon the question of exclusive territorial

jurisdiction, and for the purpose of re-establishing fraternal relations with a number of Grand Lodges of the United States; and,

Whereas, it is most desirable that this matter be terminated, and that complete and perfect harmony prevail between the Grand Masonic Bodies of the United States, and that there may be no further misunderstanding or misconception in regard to the position of this Grand Lodge; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge reiterates and reaffirms its adherence to the doctrine of unequivocal, undivided Grand Lodge sovereignty and its inflexible purpose and determination to support and ever maintain that principle of Masonic law inherent in every Grand Lodge, of supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within territorial limits established by its lawful authority.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge asserts the right to determine the question of legitimacy of Lodges domiciled within its territorial jurisdiction, and we concede the same sovereign right and power to the several sovereign Grand Lodges of the United States.

On the question of our relations with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, we would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, this Grand Lodge concedes that the Grand Lodge of New York has exclusive territorial jurisdiction within its territorial limits; and whereas, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has refused to recognize such exclusive jurisdiction, but has recognized and chartered a Lodge therein in violation thereof; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does hereby withdraw its recognition from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

On the Cuban question, your committee would respectfully report that, since it appears that this matter has been happily and amicably settled between the parties directly interested, we therefore recommend that no further action be taken.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. E. H. Van Patten. He reviews Canada for 1900 and has nothing but good words for the address of Grand Master Malone.

Lodges, 106; members, 5,795; increase, 433.

Henry L. Kennan (Spokane), G.M.

Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G.S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

37th Communication, Huntington, Nov. 13, 1901.

A. D. W. Strickler, G.M.

Freemasonry in this State is progressing handsomely. The outer doors are carefully guarded and only good material gathered in. Three new lodges were opened.

The Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Costa Rica were recognized.

In his sixteenth report on Correspondence, Bro. George W. Atkinson reviews our Proceedings of 1901 and is especially pleased with the reports of our District Deputies. His remarks on Masonic Homes have our unqualified approval:

Masonic Homes have almost come to be a fad. Grand Lodges are taking hold of them that are wholly unable financially to support them. This I regard a serious mistake, not to say a blunder. These Homes are very expensive to maintain, and I have invariably argued that no Grand Lodge should load itself with one of them until it has a fairly good fund set aside with which to endow it. By this I do not mean to be written down as an opponent of Masonic Homes. On the contrary, I regard such institutions as the highest type of Masonic charity. The idea I mean to convey is that a Grand Lodge can much more easily, cheaply and safely provide for its helpless brethren, their widows and orphans, by sending them to private or public eleemosynary institutions already in existence, than to build Homes for them, unless said Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges have piled up a large sized sum of money with which to insure a continuance of their existence.

Another idea I wish to suggest, and that is the time and tendencies in which we live are shaping up strongly against the policy of massing children and young people together in public homes. The common sense plan, and by far the cheaper one, is to find individual homes for the children and thus bring them up surrounded with the blessings of the true home life, which shapes the child's life for future usefulness and good citizenship. Statistics show that one-tenth of the families of the United States are barren, consequently it is a very easy matter to find families that will take all of the Masonic waifs that are thrown out upon the beggarly elements of the world. To say the least, I am persuaded that this important subject should be carefully considered by the weak Grand Lodges that are now burning up with the Masonic Home fever.

Lodges, 120; members, 7,421; increase, 470.

Peyton R. Harrison (Martinsburg), G.M.

George W. Atkinson (Charleston), G.S.

WISCONSIN.

57th Communication, Milwaukee, June 11, 1901.

Charles C. Rogers, G.M.

The remarks of the Grand Master on the death of their beloved Grand Secretary are so eloquently appropriate that we must copy them in full:

After thirty-six years of multifarious activity, after eighteen years of unyielding devotion to the craft of Masonry, this splendid man, the patriotic citizen, the beloved husband and father, this brave and true heart, this knightly soul, slept at the conquered goal of his journey, and the proclamation that

John Warren Laffin was dead fell like the pall of night on the ranks of the hundreds of his admirers and friends and Masonic brethren in this State and sister jurisdictions with lamentable sadness.

Not in the morning of life, nor yet at the sunset of ripened age, but in the meridian of noble manhood, this admirable character, this friend and brother whom we all loved sank to rest, and the book of his life was finished.

I see him to-day as I saw him a year ago, standing here, pale and haggard, with the grim monster death written upon every lineament of that manly face. Yet he never murmured, he never faltered. With unfaltering cheer, with inflexible resolution, this generous heart stood in our midst at his post of duty, and, with his impressive nature, in the old way commanded our admiration and love for his devotion to us and the Craft whom he had served so faithfully for seventeen long years.

Oh, he was so rich in good fellowship and noble lessons; so remarkable in many ways by his achievement and toil; yet the great fund of knowledge hidden in the storehouse of his active brain when brought in contact with the intellectual forces of other men commanded respect and veneration.

He possessed the rare gift of good humor, and his heart bubbled over with wholesome wit that was so happily expressed that it always drew about him a circle of friends who were charmed into a tender and lifelong attachment.

In the line of duty he was faithful and persistent. He never shirked a duty or deserted a friend. His acts were manly and his good deeds will live in memory never to be forgotten. Courageous spirit, the love God set in his generous heart he has left us as a heritage.

He has passed out of this life as a star pales and vanishes out of the sky, as a sail fades out of sight beyond the far horizon, as a tired wave glides up a little way on the sand, breaks there in a little foam, and slips back to become again an undistinguishable portion of the sea.

"How sweet a life was his, how sweet a death!

Living to fill the day with happy hours;

Dying to leave a memory like the breath of summer

Full of sunshine and of flowers;

A grief and gladness in the atmosphere."

Appreciative mention of a man after he is dead is very common, but Bro. Rogers also believes in the good effect of words of praise to deserving humanity while the individuals are yet able to feel gratified at the recognition of their labors. The corps of correspondence men seldom have cause to rejoice in this respect, and Bro. Rogers has earned their undying gratitude. The inspiration for the above comes from the following extract from the address of the Grand Master:

Emerson says: "Nature hits the mark once in a million throes." Interpreted, that one out of every million of God's children who are ushered into the world are geniuses. Ma-

sonry needs men to-day of genius, leaders; men of individuality and heroic mold, whose intellectual acumen is stamped upon every environment that surrounds them. She needs, too, strong, manly men, whose every fiber and lineament of character represent righteousness and godliness. She needs such men to-day because in every avenue and activity of life there are to be seen evidences of a higher and nobler conception of human ambitions, along lines that suggest a more ennobling manhood. While the scholars and thinkers of Masonic philosophy have kept pace with the best in many of these relations, yet the opportunities and possibilities of this class of men among the Craft, who have lent prominence and stability, dignity and character to the institution of Masonry, are deserving of encouragement. While it may be too much to claim that the institution of Masonry is more exalted than all other fraternal organizations, it may be truthfully said of it that all other fraternal organizations have drawn their inspiration and wisdom from it.

Our sister jurisdictions, like our own, have always attracted men to it pre-eminent in every walk of life, many of whom have lent lustre to the Fraternity. The jurisprudence and literature of Masonry to-day has taken foremost rank because of the eminent talent and genius of these men. In looking about us to find that meed of praise due those who have directed this intelligent research of our philosophy and science, there are none more able and painstaking than those who occupy the honored and distinguished position of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. They are the brightest men in the Fraternity. They are students, the men who burn the midnight oil, the chroniclers of its best thought, men who direct our Craft of State and keep her from drifting upon the shoals and rocks, who know the compass and chart of Masonry and keep us to our ancient and traditional moorings.

At the feet of these men I desire to lay my tribute of recognition and fealty. Their thought is the golden chain in the great woof and warp of our Masonic enlightenment. If Homer was charged to sing of beauty, and whose poetry has gone through history to cultivate human thought; Phidias, who was the delight and culture of the ages; Plato, whose philosophy has been the education of the scholar and thinker; Dante, whose mighty nature moved out to stronger measure in poems that can never die, then surely, with no intent of fulsome praise or laudation immodest, but with just discrimination and appreciation, I place the laurel wreath and crown upon the heads of these men, who are the writers and thinkers, and who give stability to our Masonic character and lend a charm to our Masonic literature.

The Craft in Wisconsin is flourishing, the true spirit of Freemasonry prevails and its dignity and character are maintained. Three new lodges are reported. Schools of Instruction have been generally appreciated and more generally attended. Good fellowship and fraternal feeling is universal.

Western Australia was recognized. Costa Rica and

the Valley of Mexico are to be reported on next year.

The compensation of the Chairman of Correspondence was increased to \$300.

Bro. Melvin L. Youngs, who has been Grand Lecturer for the very long term of 44 years, was retired from active service at his own request. The Grand Lodge properly rewarded his faithful services by making him Custodian of the Work at a salary of \$500 per year.

In his review of Canada for 1900, Bro. Aldro Jenks takes a different view of the printing of the reports of the District Deputies:

Two hundred and forty pages of the Proceedings are taken up by the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and this is about the average number in that jurisdiction. They seldom contain anything of general interest. We venture to assert that outside of the printer and proof reader there are not ten persons in the jurisdiction that ever reads all of them. Some time ago the Report on Foreign Correspondence was cut down on the score of economy, and one of the best writers in the Guild was seriously handicapped in his efforts. We dislike to meddle in our neighbors' affairs, but we would suggest the propriety of leaving out these reports and turning the space and money over to Bro. Robertson. We think he could make better use of both.

We regret that sickness kept the Grand Secretary from attending this communication, and join with the brethren in the wish that he may have improved health, strength and vigor.

As already noted, Bro. Henry Robertson is the Correspondence writer for our Canadian brethren. Bro. R. is always as pleasant and genial as a May morning, and has something interesting to write.

Lodges, 242; members, 18,210; increase, 501.

F. H. L. Cotten (Eau Claire), G.M.

William W. Parry (Milwaukee), G.S.

WYOMING.

27th Communication, Wheatland, September 4, 1901.

C. H. Townsend, G.M.

The Grand Master reports general prosperity in the subordinate lodges, not only in growth but also in financial and Masonic standing. He opened three new lodges. His trip to two of these lodges was a long and hard journey. It took nearly two weeks to make it, and a ride of nearly 500 miles over a hot, dusty road.

On sundry requests for recognition the following report was adopted:

First. Your committee finds that the Grand Dieta of Mexi-

co has ceased to exist, and if in existence good policy dictates that recognition should be refused. In connection with it your committee finds that Masonry in Mexico is in a chaotic state, that grave doubts exist as to the legitimacy of any Grand Lodge in that country, of which there are several, each claiming to be the only legitimate body, and charging that the others are illegitimate and clandestine. Factional differences, connection with politics and other existing conditions not in common with the Masonry of any Grand Lodge in this country are, in the opinion of your committee, sufficient to bar recognition of any Mexican Grand Body until such time as legitimacy can be established beyond question, direct connection with politics entirely and permanently eliminated, and united action of the several Grand Lodges is secured. Your committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the requests for recognition of all Grand Lodges in Mexico be and the same are hereby refused until Masonic conditions change in that country.

MANIFESTO GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

Second. Regarding the paper entitled "Manifesto of the National Grand Orient of Egypt," your committee is not in possession of sufficient data whereby to determine whether or not said manifesto applies to the Grand Orient or Grand Lodge of Egypt recognized by this Grand Lodge at an early date. Your committee recommends adoption of following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to institute inquiry and ascertain the true condition of legitimate Masonry in Egypt, if any, and present the information obtained to its Grand Lodge at next annual.

GRAND LODGE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Third. This Grand Lodge solicits official and fraternal recognition based upon the regularity of the Lodges (English constitutions) composing it, and also claiming regularity in its organization. Your committee finds that it has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and a number of others, whilst a number have deferred action for further information. There appears to be another Grand Body in same territory organized shortly prior to the one under consideration, also that the thirty-one Lodges (Scottish constitutions) now working thereunder in the same territory have not given in their adhesion to either of said Grand Lodges. Under the circumstances your committee is of the opinion that the situation in Western Australia at this time does not commend itself favorably and therefore the following is offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the request for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, which was organized on the 11th day of October, 1899, with Sir Gerard Smith as Grand Master, be laid over and action deferred thereon until next annual communication or such time as will permit further and ample information to be obtained.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FOR FURTHERANCE OF MASONIC
RELATIONS.

Four. This document is issued by or under the auspices of the Swiss Grand Lodge ("Alpena"), a body never recognized by this Grand Lodge. Leaving out the question of the advisability of establishing such an office, which your committee deems of doubtful propriety, this Grand Lodge could not consistently agree to become a party to and connected with the office or assenting thereto for the reason that we have never entered into fraternal relations with any of the Grand Bodies appearing in the list of those that have answered affirmatively, whilst one of them is under the ban of non-intercourse, another is of doubtful regularity, and one or two are held to be clandestine everywhere in this country. In view of all this your committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge respectfully declines to enter into the plan of establishing such office or become a party thereto.

GRAND LODGES COSTA RICA, PORTO RICO AND GRAND ORIENT OF
BELGIUM REQUEST RECOGNITION.

Five. The new Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Porto Rico appear to be regular. Your committee is, however, of the opinion that in such territory as they occupy many conditions exist which are subversive of regular Masonry as we hold the latter in this country. Therefore for the purpose of securing further information regarding said Grand Lodges and other matters pertinent thereto, your committee is of the opinion that action on their requests should be deferred.

As to the Grand Orient of Belgium, your committee is of the opinion that recognition should be refused for the reason that from present information at hand it is not a supreme governing body having complete and permanent control of the three Craft degrees, as the Supreme Council, under an agreement between the two, only conditionally released such control and can abrogate such agreement at any time; and for the further reason that said Grand Orient is in close communion and fraternal intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, which is under the ban of non-intercourse by this and all other Grand Lodges in this country. Your committee is of the opinion that before recognition is granted, said Orient should establish the fact that it has complete, permanent and untrammelled control of said Craft degrees and that it has purged itself completely from any connection with said Grand Orient of France. Your committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the requests for recognition by the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Porto Rico be held in abeyance for further and satisfactory information.

Resolved, That for reasons stated in report, recognition of the Grand Lodge of Belgium is hereby refused.

OTHER DOCUMENTS.

Six. As to certain other documents not proper to enumerate which have been referred to your committee, it only seems necessary with one exception to call attention to the fact that they are emanations from unrecognized, irregular and clandestine bodies with which this Grand Lodge has nothing in common, and they should receive no attention from this Grand Body. Your committee finds that the document excepted is a request for this Grand Lodge to interfere by protest with the legislation of a sister Grand Lodge on a question over which it has sole control within its territory. A protest in such case would be a wanton act of discourtesy, to say the least, on the part of this Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That any consideration whatever of the subject matter contained in any of said documents is highly inexpedient, and that your committee be discharged from any further consideration of such and those of similar character.

Bro. William L. Kuykendall presented his sixteenth report on Correspondence. It is prefaced with an excellent photo of our old friend. Canada for 1900 receives kindly mention. His conclusion is good:

Within the last fifty years we have seen our country expand from the Missouri river to the shores of the Pacific, and assisted in laying the foundation of four States on the Great American Desert as represented on maps when we were a boy. Along with all this and the wonderful inventions during that time, we have seen Masonry expand in like manner. Necessarily changes during this century must be of a different character. May they all be for the betterment of mankind, and may Masonry be one of the main factors in shaping such changes for the good of the human race is and will be our parting wish when the time comes for our passing over the river to those who have gone before. Until then we hope to be blessed with health and strength to assist in advancing the interests of Masonry and of the community and State in which we live, at all times advocating what we believe to be right and dissenting from wrong and injustice as we see it.

Samuel Corson (Cheyenne). G.M.

William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga). G.S.

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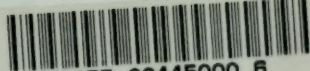
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All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

Collingwood, June 4th, 1902.





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